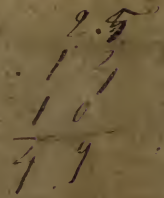


Jan 1st 1851

Mr Bristol and Miss Miner came to see us had a very pleasant visit with them they brought some books for presents for the girls

Feb 5 donation party at our house for Mary Judson

Feb 17 little Marietta swallowed a pin spent a night of intense anxiety 21st pin found no more trouble about that

1851

March 9th Heard the terrible news of Alberic's death which occured three months ago according to the report in the papers, but we could not believe it as the name reported was Albert, we thought it must be some one else until letters from California confirmed it O what dreadful days and weeks of suspense and agony no one knows but those that have passed throug in the same trial

March 31 1851

Mr Hummell moved in the house with us to carry on the farm on shares

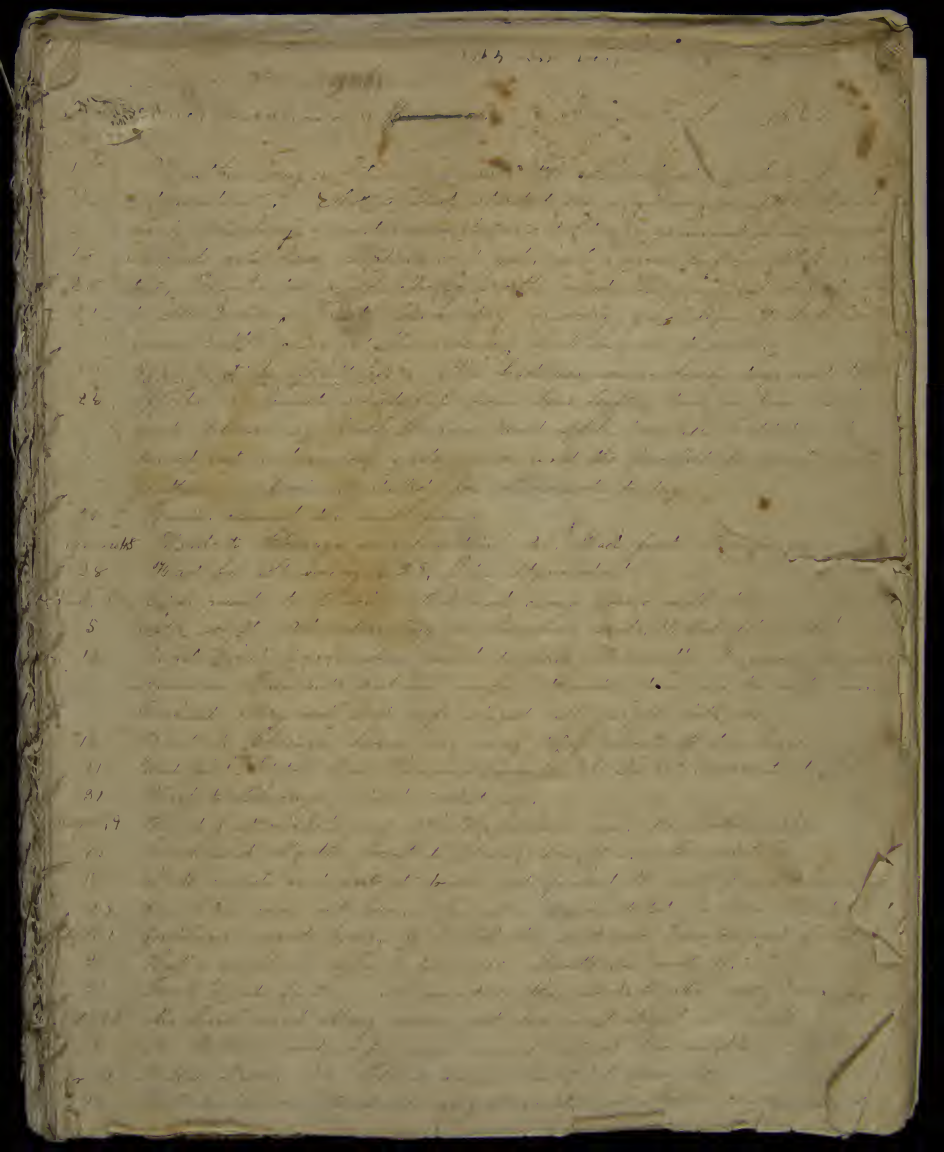
April 13 Oscar and Lucy came out to see us

Text for a funeral
Sermon: Heb 11 & 10th
He looked for a city
which hath foundations
whose builder and maker
is God

Hymns sung

Why do we mourn departed friends
And must this body die
Unveil thy bosom faithful tomb

aunt Clara moved
to Shelburn abt 1st
1862
Harrison wife died
abt May 1862



1859

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29th great frost

1864

1864

Oct. 5. [illegible]
1st [illegible]
[illegible]
24. [illegible]
27. [illegible]
28 [illegible]
[illegible]
30. [illegible]
Dec 7 [illegible]
3 [illegible]
10. [illegible]
15 [illegible]
24. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
28 [illegible]
1866. 17. [illegible]
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1885

8 [illegible] went to Chicago. Visited [illegible] Lake
6 [illegible] ice pitch [illegible] winter
10 Lee and Eph [illegible] surrendered [illegible] Va
11 Dan [illegible] Good preside[illegible] Alabama [illegible]
12 Hot. Fired [illegible] Gift [illegible]
13 Ella left for Pres[illegible] Jewell at Pueblo = The mitt[illegible]
14 [illegible] a little [illegible] gate by [illegible]
Aug 1st Will went to Chicago to see the Grand Presidents
2 Ada [illegible] school
3 Went to Chicago for the benefit of Sanitary Fair
4 Mollie Lewis came here and stayed till the 20th
5 Will and Ella went to Sanitary Fair
Aug [illegible] rain since May 29 falling pretty d[illegible]
8 Went to the great Sanitary Fair [illegible] rather very hot [illegible]
9 Rain [illegible] showers quite
10 Bought [illegible] afternoon.
11 George Dunphy came [illegible] Will and Eliz went to Aspe[illegible]
20 Will went to town Barstow Quilting
Sept 4 Went to Chicago to see Fairbanks
8 Truman Judson and Wm Bowker came out here
& remained to paint and continued till the 11th
12 Ella and Clark went to Chicago took [illegible] in to-
17 All went to St George's picnic very pleasant day
18 Mr [illegible] Chicago. came home on the train St Louis
[illegible] rain [illegible] every day for a fortnight
31 Mamma and Josie came out here
Oct 1st Clear beautiful day Ada has gone home with Josie
2 Will is Chicago to day with Aunt Libbie who is sick
7 Had the unfinished [illegible] that ever made.
11 Had my [illegible] taken — was [illegible] 49 years old
18 Rain and pretty hard wind
21 Aunt Melvina [illegible] Josie went 26

Dec 5th Mr Rockwell commenced School
" 9th Mr Trish had his sale previous to leaving for [illegible]
" 7th Thanksgiving, observed pleasantly [illegible]
" 16 [illegible]
" 21 [illegible]
" 24 [illegible]
" 28 [illegible]

1866

" 18 [illegible]
" 19 [illegible]
" 23 [illegible]
" 29 [illegible]
" 30 [illegible]

1868

went to Rolfes, Cosys, read Brookes, Mrs Barlows
Mrs Skinners, and home again
July 22nd Ida and I went to Leyden and picked the last
of our currants and berries when we got back to Harlem
found Carl very sick
Tues 28 was a beautiful day for our Fair Hunted high
and low for many articles for the supper and the Lord so
ordered that we were enabled to pay Hinges
another such a scene the 4th he was buried and the 4th
Steel and Tracy came out to see us and sympathize with
us in our trouble 12th Josephine came out and Mrs Taylor
and Mary was here Aug 16th We all went to Leyden to
attend the dedication of the new church very pleasant day
Aug 24 Ida Ett and I went to Camp meeting
" 29 Emma Whittenden came out here and stayed till the 29 Bought the 29
Sept 13 Went to Austin to see Mrs Borden
" 12 Ida and I went to Chicago She bought a black Lupac
for herself and Ett Oct 16th had Auction sale of cows
Oct 5 Orba Tanner came to finish Martha's barn Mrs
Bayley came with hire brought the news of Martha Brooks death
6th Ell and I went home to dig our potatoes
Sept 24 took a trip out to Elgin had a very good visit
to Mr John Knotts and found my old friend
Mary Trogan Heath stayed three days in Elgin
and one night at the funeral with Lydia Foster
Oct 22d Festival at Leyden for the first and time
" 23 Went to Leyden to church weather fine

1868

Nov 5th Martha and Ed Beaver went to Leyden and got six turkeys
" 14 Lola and went to Chicago and got cloth for her cloak and Ettas plaid drop
Nov 20th Poor curly was killed by the dogs
" 26 Thanksgiving Mr Allen Mr Warwick and Mr Zimmerman were here to dinner had turkey and all the usual accompaniments and Oysters for supper and at night the girls went to Chicago to see Edwin Booth play
Dec 1st snow storm but the wind has blown it all away
" 13 have had very cold weather the past week sleighing good - Dec 6th Hi and Charlie and Hilley folks all here for sleighride

1869

Jan 1st Cheary snow storm drifted pretty bad
" 8th the above drifts are here commenced thawing
" 9th sleighing all spoiled 8th rained all day
" 9th turned cold and froze all up again
" 25th weather very fine no sleighing Ettas and I went to Leyden yesterday (24) in Buggy road dry except where the old snow banks were 26th Martha went to Chicago to hear Fowler lecture 31 clear beautiful day never knew a Jan with so little cold weather
Feb 6th Mr Steele Mr Scales Mr Hiram Walter and the girls all went up to Hilleys in sleigh
11th I went to Chicago to womans convention heard Olivia Dickinson - all mud and slush
28 Mr Scales Mr Warwick and the girls went to Leyden to church in sleigh weather has been pretty cold all this week

1867

March 1st Martha and I went to Feyden in sleigh all the way very poor sleighing 11th have had pretty cold weather 15 very cold — 31 very cold with snow squalls — 1st very cold with rain hail snow and blow quite real hard at night

2nd Benjamin Frisk came here

14th Martha went to Feyden to help Sarah paper

18th worst old storm of the season an immense amount of rain fell girls had an awful time getting home from Feyden they had been to the circus

May 7th planted corn 11th Ell and I went to Feyden and took baby with us and it rained all the way home

15th Herman came down here after fence boards

25 real hot day Ole and Mrs Robins and Matilda came here 26th cold as Greenland

27-28 rain. rain. rain

June 4th Olda and I went to Chicago stayed all night awful hot when we went on awful cold when we came home

June 6th Mike came down and brought Kitty for Linda

" 12th Rena sick in the night had a fit

23 Ellison took Kitty to Dry her

27 It has rained every day but one for more than a week it is awful wet the roads so bad cannot get to Feyden

29 Martha and Ell went to Chicago and stayed all night at Mulligans

July 2d had an awful big rain

3d more rain Roads perfectly awful have not been to Feyden in two months

5th Olda and I went to Thatcher to Pic nic

1869

Sept 16th Martha went to Chicago and Nov 4th came
Sewing Machine Sept 4th went to Chicago to Emma Hollenden
Oct 2nd Martha went to Leyden and Mira Willey came
home with her and stayed till the 8th and went to
Mr. Seales party 19 Perry Tanner and Willey's girls
came down and had a dance
24 Etta and I went to Wakemans to get vinegar
Oct 22 had quite a snow storm and froze the hardest
I ever knew this time of year. girls went to Mr Seales party
Oct 26 Aunt Lizzie came out and we went to Leyden
saw House & Stines house burn, 28th cold again
Nov 1st pleasant and warm roads very fine young folks
2nd Etta and I went to Leyden and got a load of wood
all went up to Tanners the 3rd 4th had a good rain
Nov 8th Alda and I went to Brieton to Emma
Hollenden's baby's funeral
12th Mr Seales and I went to Leyden a little snow
16th commenced to snow kept on until the 20th
22 Alda and I went to Leyden in sleigh 27-28-29
it stormed and rained hard not enough to take the snow off
18th Thanksgiving day Mr Seales started for Jaysons part
Indiana Theodore Williams went away the 2nd
Dec 7th had our pigs killed - 14th snow rain freezing a little
15 froze up again 16 I was taken sick with very
bad cold 18th Etta sick the same way 19 Martha
sick too weather very cold
26 Perry and Laura came down in sleigh through
the woods no sleighing on the road
Dec 31 attended Mrs Bucks funeral

1870

Jan 1st very pleasant even for the day. Ivi Bradema came out here and went to Bazenridge. Sno sleighing
Jan 5th caught 6 fish right Spreen bro rain
7-8 very cold - 10th commenced throwing. 11-12 heavy
14-15 Lee storms 16 rain wind and heavy thunder
17th coldest weather of the season
20 small snow storm
Feb 5th Went to hear Hale Field lecture
" 11th Etta went in town to medical lecture
" 14th I went to Chicago to meet Aunt Mahala
She came the 18th, 19th 20th coldest weather of the season
24 girls and Will went to hear Chinese Dickerson lecture
28 Seales came home from Logansport
March 3d Martha and Elda went to Chicago and had Rena's picture taken 4th 5th snow storm
12 Worst snow storm of the season
15th another big snow storm and so cold Seales froze his ears going to the Post Office 18th throwing
21 Will and the girls went to Chicago to hear Ole Bull play but did not hear him
Apr 1st clear beautiful day the first pleasant since about all has been here
4th Warwick left. 15th had quite a snow storm
25 Went to Chicago to make out papers to Lawrence Goodier Bought one front room carpet
29 Matilda Ella Farewell and Aunt Hubby came out here May 4th Etta and I went to Chicago and got chairs and my black lipreen dress 11th Aunt & I went to Goodier Cherry trees all in bloom

May 10th Cattle have been getting their rains for nearly three weeks
" 11th Aunt Ell and I started for Minnesota arrived at Lake City 12th in the afternoon 15th had Hail storm very - hot weather vegetation more forward here than it was at home currant nearly as large as peas maple leaves nearly full size lilac in full bloom
17 Went out to James's quite cool had to wear cloak but had a delightful ride admiring the romantic and beautiful scenery of Minn 18 Anson went home
19th rains - 20th rain hail and thunder 21st rain - hail and the most dreadful thunder I ever heard the wind blew hard and rain pewred down in perfect torrents
22 High winds with more rain and thunder
24 Celia and I visited Mrs Osborne
29 Went back to Lake City 31 the last day of May
Lavina picked a saucer dish full of ripe strawberries for tea
June 3d all had strawberries for supper
" 4th Anson Aunt Ell Alice Gracie and myself all went up the Lake shore for a ride to Frontenac a delightful place about 8 miles from Lake City
5 Went to Episcopal Church - very dry - would feel more devotional in Frontenac under the beautiful trees
June 7th Bid adieu to Lake City and all the dear friends and started for home arrived at Faribault now staying at 8 o clock had to stay there all day & to Chicago the next morning at ten and home at 4 P.M.
June 22 My darlin Ella was married and started for Fergus part very hot dry weather grass all drying up

June 26 Had a glorious rain the first we have had since I got home and a long time before
July 12 Martha and I went to Leyden to senior pyebrine currants and went to Mr Sanogers to see about getting
26 Went to Mr Sanogers and bought lot awful hot weather Perry Tanner very sick - ~~Hug 1st went to Rivers~~
Aug 2nd Martha signed the Mortgage to Mr Fiddlestone
" 4th Went to Chicago to get Money to build our house
" 7th Will went to Chicago and bought the lumber
" 8th Tam and Ette went to ~~see~~ carry Perry Tanner home
" 12th Martha and I went to Camp Meeting.
28 Sellons barn burned and Sendons horses and mules
Sept 1st had house insured 2nd got lightning rod
17 bought cistern 19 Martha went to Leyden to gather apples 28 commenced to rain and kept on two days more rain than we have had since last spring
Oct 8th Perry Tanner came here
Oct 5th Ida and went to Drapers and made cider
" 13 Ida and I went to Leyden to festival
15th have not had frost hard enough to kill cucumber or tomato vines
16 rained all day were disappointed in not hearing Mr Fowler preach at Shaton
19 Tam and his men went up to paint Mr Wellers house
Martha went too and brought back load of Pumpkins and Mrs Wellers
24 Went to Leyden and Mike came down here and brought all our pumpkins 25th had rain
26th Etta moved in the new house, she has left her home forever, probably, how we shall miss her bright face and cheery voice ——

Oct 28 I blundered into the new cistern and cut
broke my neck - Nov 1st Martha painted her room floor
9 George Howell and aunt Lizzie came out here
12th Jane and Ett went to Town with his call for the first time
24 Mr Steiner presented us with a turkey Jane and Ett
took dinner with us and then went for a ride up to Snyders
and brought Miss Willey home with them went to a dance
27 Clear. Still. beautiful day - more like spring than fall
Margarette and Mike came down here and I went home
with Mike and staid until the 30th 29 Mr Seed came here to board
Dec 19 snow storm it fell about six inches deep
From 20th to 24 weather extremely cold thermometer ranged
from 6 to 16 — 25 a little more mild we all took
dinner with Ett had turkey presented by Mr Steiner
mince pie pumpkin pie fruit cake cranberry sauce supper
and various other things and finished off with Snyder
how little did we think one year ago that we should eat
Christmas dinner in a new house and Ett married
be a married woman keeping house wonder what
change will ~~be~~ be made in our circumstances by -
another Christmas it may be a great mercy - that it is
hidden from us we ought to be very thankful and
happy that we are permitted to be together and are
all in comfortable health — it is evening - and it
has commenced storming the wind blows hard
29 weather quite comfortable was much surprised by -
a visit from Mr Hasbrouck stayed all night with us
31st Martha went to Chicago spent New year at St Louis

1871

Jan 6th Mr Read left us - 9th Mrs Robins and Matilda came
13-14-15 great snow storm - cars delayed roads impassible
19 Aunt Fessie came out in a sleigh with Sam and stayed
until the 23 and Alda went home with her
24 George Goodier died Martha and I went up there the 27th
Feb 5th Sam and Ett went to see Perry Tanner
8th Alda and Ett went to Chicago to Woman's convention
snow storm turned awful cold
11th Perry Tanner died — 17 rain - turned cold snow and
21 Sam and Ett and Alda went up on the river to Willey's
21 Martha and I went up to Leyden and got Mrs Napier
and Laura and they stayed untill the 24th Mrs Willey
and Mira came out on the cars and Fred had getting them home an awful ti
March 3d Martha and I went to Chicago and took Rena
and stayed all night to Mr Mulligan's Rena got her doll
11th bought our parlour stove - 12th Mr King preached in Oak
Park School house - 18th Sam and Ett bought their carpet
March 20 Martha commenced her kitchen - weather cold & miserable
25 got currant bushes from Leyden - roads pretty good on farm
26 rain and snow - 30 got wall paper to paper the old house
31 Alda and I went to Rose hill to Mrs Pack's funeral
Apr 8th Mrs Farewell and Matilda came here
15th Wheaton man brought briers
16 Oscar Pelton and wife came out here and we all
went to hear Robert Colyer preach
17 set blackberries and raspberries - some strawberry
blossoms - season two weeks earlier than usual cherry
trees all budded - Mr Abney set two plum
trees that Sam gave me

1871

April 21 Aunt M got here from Minnesota
" 24 Martha got her wall paper - 25 had kitchen chimney built
May 1st Mr McComber moved in Martha's house
" 3d 4th 5th cold stormy rainy weather
" 6th Aunt M and I called to see Mrs Van Vleit
" 7th Mr Napier came here - Sam Ett and Martha went to Chicago to hear Robert Collyer preach his farewell sermon
May 8th Mr Napier and I went to Chicago and made deed of our land
May 13 Went to Elsie Chapins funeral
" 14 Ella moved into her new house
May 22 Aunt M and I went to Chicago to go the rounds visiting went Stanton Frists Pelton's Edwards Dunphys I stayed untill the 29 saw the great germon peace Jubilee and came home and Aunt M started for Ohio the 30th — 31 Paid note to Mr Penoyer
June 2d All went to Trinity Church festival
" 3d 4th 5th very hot 7th Ada-Rena and I went to Chicago in Buggy
" 13 Will and Adaline went to Leyden to strawberry festival
Mr and Mrs Eriemen from Ft and Mr and Mrs Perry came here and stayed all night
" 14 Martha and I went to Episcopal festival
" 15th had a mess of green peas - 19th Sam brought land greenbacks
" 20-21-22 Went to Leyden to pick Cherries Mrs Napier sick with Erysipilas - 23 Old Brin had calf without grin, dry
July 4th Sam and Ett and Ada went to Evanston
" 23 had green corn for dinner - weather hot and dry
" 25 Martha Carrie and I went to Leyden to cut thistles
Aug 4 All went to Haas park to Picnic Mr Gallup and Libby went with us.

Sept 5 Alda and I went to Lincoln Park with Mr and Emma Etta
Belcombers and Mr Rose's young people and Sam &
10 Alda and I went to Chicago and got Window blinds
18 Mrs Powell and Huldah came out here for the first time
24 Aunt Lizzie and I went to Camp Meeting and went
out to Hiram Perry's and stayed all night
28 had a glorious rain which was very much needed as we
have had a long drouth grass is all dried up
29 Martha and I went to Drapers
Sept 7th Mrs McCombers Martha Carrie and I went to Mr Warswick's
15-16 had a moderate rain suppose it will have to pass for Equinoctial storm
15- Mr Marey started for Iowa
18th Etta came home to stay with us through the winter
21 Martha went to Chicago to go to the 8th Ill reunion
24th Had service in new Unity Church first time
29 Martha and I went to Norwood
Oct 3d Etta and I went to Chicago staid all night at Mr Newells
" 6 Uncle George and Aunt Lizzie came out here
Oct 8th great fire in Chicago - 12th We went to see the ruins
Oct 22 Jim Wrights house burned 24th East wind dense
smoke can hardly see the woods fire not out in Chicago yet
26 Mr Gooch's family came here from Money Sam husked corn
Nov 4th Iowa came here from Down and went home with Barker
Nov 9th Mr McCombers started for the East
Nov 11th Etta went to see Indian Dr first time Alda
got her black alpacca dress and cloth for cloak
Ell got her Water proof suit
13th rained all day I was to Dunphy's Could not get around
14 I went down Town to see the ruins but it was so muddy

Nov 21 had first snow storm 22 23 cold freezing weather
24th George Dunbby and Sam got hay from Snyder
30th Thanksgiving Mr Shunn gave us a turkey and we had a good dinner all by ourselves and in the evening we all went over to Mr Gooch's and had a jollification

Dec 1st our folks have all gone to Old Mr Gales to sociable there is some snow but not enough to make good sleighing
4th 5th very cold weather more snow
7th All went to Unity church to Oyster supper
8th 9th very cold weather 15th Mrs Tappendorf died
14th Heard of Edward Brewsters death
16th Libby Gallup and Miss Rosenberg came out here
19 20th awful cold we can't get the fire so we cannot keep comfortable 21 Sam and Ell went to Dryden to see tableaus stayed all night at Mr
22d snowed all day and at night it turned to rain and thundered and lightened privately
23 turned cold and froze the rain all up mind blew awful hard Sam went to town in sleigh bare ground most all the way had an awful time had to get a man to help his sister home on hay rack 24th Mr Steiner sent us a turkey
25 Ell and Mrs Remsby eat Christmas dinner with us

January 1872

1st Neighbors came out to spend New Years day with us
10th Sam and Ell went to Sam and stayed all night it very warm, all slop
12th Heard of the death of U S Everett
14th Sam and Ell went to Ezra Smith's funeral
15th Laura Libby went to the Seminary

1872

Jan 9th Ella Bowman died and was taken [illegible]
10th Sunday and I went to [illegible] funeral [illegible]
11th Went to church to Baptist [illegible]
12th [illegible] to Chicago stayed all night [illegible]
13th Rather cold and we have [illegible] dollars in notes
21st Coldest day we have ever had since the cold year of 1856 [illegible] Flanders
[illegible] year 1856 - 22 - 1° very cold - 20° from [illegible]
24th Weather moderate very cold plenty of snow but it is all in heaps so there is no sleighing
25th We all went to Jane's to eat Christmas dinner

1873

Jan 1st Stell and Sleighriding on the river. Elbert Hilton and Stell Pierce came out here in the [illegible] had rain snow and sleet 3rd cold again
6th Attended Fanny Smith's funeral very cold day
8th 9th 10th extremely cold wind blew a perfect gale great many people [illegible] considerable snow but it all blew in [illegible] is piled
11th quite comfortable 12 very mild is thawing
Jane Etta Ida Rose Albert and Jennie all went to Taylor's supper
15th Ida and Etta went in town and stayed to [illegible] Emery and Hilton and had [illegible] the 14th Jennie and I in and bought a new organ
and tried weather very cold again
22 Weather mild Hilton and Stell went to Smiths
23 had another old Minnesota snow storm wind cold and blowed and drifted so we could not get over to Jones great heap of snow in the ground no getting [illegible] at present where at present

1923

1879

Sept 1st [illegible] Mother [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
4 Rain [illegible] [illegible]
5 very [illegible] and heard thunder [illegible] [illegible]
6 Rained nearly all day all [illegible] [illegible]
7.8.9 cold and stormy [illegible] and [illegible]
10th I went to church to first meeting [illegible]
did not find one called at [illegible]
and went to continue to finish [illegible]
11.12th Stormy and cold 13th mild pleasant day after [illegible]
[illegible] came down after dinner [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Ella came home and then went [illegible]
16 cold stormy day Tender handed [illegible]
20th It has been clouds and storms for a week past [illegible]
21 Smoke [illegible] Home went up to Turner where I [illegible]
[illegible] and Albert [illegible]
24 Ida went to Turner to get her with [illegible]
Rosa with her stayed all night at Turners
28 Uncle Oscar came out here the first time
his return home from Europe
27 very pleasant mild day
29 Engine built worked [illegible]

May 1st Mary Matterlin's wedding day rained all day
rained up with thunder & lightning and hail stones
and I [illegible] with Will Hornick
[illegible]
2nd more rain in evening [illegible]

1874

1877

commemoration of Lola's birth day
had Uncle & Dear, Nellie and all our folks here to supper
10th We had excellent to eat I ate not near enough to hurt
11th Ed Bartlett and Lola went down to Money after pumpkins
13th Miss Arnett started for her home in Kansas had hard time
16th had a nice treat of corn in milk (sears garden) Martha
Smart and I went to Chicago went skating a day. to Norman, Con
19th Ella and I went to the grave to get Father & Martha and I went to Riverside
21st Mrs Smart Lola Ella and I took a ride to Austin stopped
at Ridgeland called on Mrs Kincade — at night it was so warm
a baby child was singing — presume it was the last one of the season
24th I went to Unit Church in forenoon and to Episcopal in the
evening it was so warm — more nothing around me but silk taffy pumpkins
26th Lola and I went up to the old Neal place and got a load of
was a warm pleasant day but rained awful hard on the way
rained off in the morning and was so warm we did not have
a fire in the house, made use of Martha's stove
29th our folks took gone to the ball at Austin's hall it turned
cold and the wind blew awful
31st Lola and I went to Chicago bought two shoes —
Nov 3 I went to Chicago stayed all night at Humphrey's
and Frank and all down at the stores
4th Mrs Smart and I went to Leydon and Martha and
Rena went to Chicago with Fanny Marsuret

1874

Nov 8th Rena picked flowers in our garden and we had
7 for supper from Mr Brewsters garden
10th Mrs Smart Father and I went to old Mrs Harswicks visiting
11th Martha and I went up to Mrs Jaynes to meet Mrs Napier
12 Libie and Corbett went to New York Tonight
13 Carried Mrs Jaynes down to Longs Mrs Napier came for
us to witness her will 14th carried her back to Jaynes
Corbett and Libie went to Iowa with waggon got 60 apples 17 dollars
15th Martha and Ella went to Chicago Ell got parlor stove
19 Snow storm one inches deep 20 sleighs are out
22 rain - now all gone 24th Libie Brin was here
26 another snow storm 28 snow enough to sleigh in
Dec 5 Martha and I went to Chicago bought each of us a hat
The weather has been mild - now all gone - muddy
6th Corbett and Libie went to Chicago in waggon stayed all night
8th Corbetts flour come from Iowa -
11th Mrs Balcharin Mrs Morey and myself took dinner with Mrs Harkness
14th Mrs Smart had her carpenter made - see me
16 Ella Corbett Libie and I will go to Mr Hunters eat dinner with Martha
18th Martha's birth day she walked and I went to Chicago
Laura came here from Iowa 24th we went to the
Christmas tree at Congregational Church and then went
to Hoskins hall to see them dance awhile Laura
went to the dance Christmas we all had supper at Longs
Longs the next day at Martha's the next day Sunday
27th Laura went home - Will Martha and Rena went
down to Harswicks to eat turkey dinner - mist
damp day none of us went to Church

1874

Dec 28–29 Mr Hatch took me down to Lower Town, exhibited stayed all night at Lewis' Church 31 George Rowley came down here and

1875

Jan 1st [illegible] I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

1875

April 27 Mike and I went to the Forks to get [illegible]
May 1st cold raining day with a sprinkling of snow here
Commenced the 2nd to sow and finished the 3rd
3rd Lucie Yale & Aunt Jane's folks moved in our house
4th Mr Bridell moved in Lucie Yale's house
free at home in Grand County 4th quite a cool day
5th rainy Sunday and quite cool not chilly stopped in warm
pockets under the [illegible] May 10th planted corn and potatoes
11th rainy and cool went to Mrs Parks got eggs
13 had the first lettuce — Lizzie Pelton went to Rochester yesterday
14 cold and uncomfortable to sow and cultivate [illegible] Home
and I went to Chicago bought Mother bed bed and chairs
16th Clara Sanders Boy went to live at Mrs Brock
The Mr Patrick and his little wife came out here and stayed
all night — Arthur went to Chicago to carry a glass window
17th prize ice in a tub as thick as window glass have had
frost for the past three or four nights
17th warm forenoon 18th Mr Paine worked on house
20 Miss Dunphy came at home 21st fine shower of rain
got the home insured — 23rd heavy rain showers
and currants in blossom 25th attended Mrs Pelton's funeral
Lizzie in the afternoon rained hard afternoon — 31 went to Mr
Eddy's funeral — June 1st thunder shower and heavy rain
June 6th Dot to Prices got work shovel and clothes glass
and Martha's bracket called at Dunphy's on Park Ave
June 6th planted our kitchen flower yard had first strawberries
5th had first strawberries they were 18¢ a box —
11th very hot day and without thinking of work, we must

1873

July 13 Tom Ett Estill Etta and Mrs Turner [illegible]
Ett went to Chicago Tom and Ett went to Burnside
Thos Estill and Abe had their photographs taken
17th Polly Hot day Rena and I went up to Yale to see Pyne's Etta
18th had a hard storm in the night wind from several directions
we were entertaining Brightmore Carmel Hannah & Hazel
19th 20th Store rain Tom and Carl Ett went in Town Saturday night in the rain
21st clear and pleasant but very cool at night
22 I went to Chicago to get lumber for house had heavy shower
23 Josie, Rena and I went down to Jennie Simmons to take tintypes
24 Rena and I went to Austin for Nile 15 more rain
26 Tom went to Newkirk 25 rained all day
30 Matthews baby born 31 awful heavy rain
Aug 1st so cold we needed fire to keep comfortable had to
sleep with two quilts over us 2nd heavy rain with wind and
hail in some places and hurricane in Fountain County Ind
5th Etta and I went to Chicago the rain did not
set it had a great storm at night awful lightning and
tornado in the vicinity of Galesburg
7th Rena and I went to Chicago to get the vinegar
Sister Dunphy came home with us & had first pronounce
10th Rain again Rena went up to Mr Raines he rented the home
11 went after Rena 12 Sister D went home Tuesday forenoon
Dode Eva and Nellie all came down here Tom and Ett came up to Mr
13 fine pleasant day Aunt Lucy and Josie here all day
ironing and sewing carpet rags
14 Another awful rain storm 19 Etta and I went to Englewood
to get girl but did not get one 21 Etta and I went to Englewood
Etta to Piper and I to Tom carried carpet rags
and Josie pasture 23 Etta and I went to Tom carried carpet rags

13th Carried Mrs Wilson up to see Mrs Bell she looks
14 Nina Dixie and I went to the woods to get moss Sharp
15 Tom and Ell went to Chicago got her rug carpet cut pinches in
16 Dixie Nina and I went to Leyden very hot day. has been so
17 Dixie Nina and I went to Leyden very hot day. has been so
the past week most of the time sleep without anything over us
18 It rained very fast lightning and thunder
19 Mrs Wilson and Laura came down here only stayed an hour
20 Mrs Bell Margaret and Willie came and stayed all day as we
went to Trinity Church to hear the new minister Mr Wilson
21 Went to Chicago with Jennie Hasselock
22 went to Trinity Church reception had an awful big rain
turned very cold 11th warm pleasant day
24 Mrs Wilson and Margaret came down here and stayed to tea
25 Alvers baby came to town 29 I was a little sick took a
few pills not able to work for a couple of days
27 In the real agein all right 28 Tom and Ell went up to Wilson
29 Tom, Etta, Laura Alvers and Mrs Imus all went to the Exposition
30 Dixie Nina and I went to Lyndon and played on water organ
31st Went to Leyden to see Dixie home warm as midsummer

1st Tom and Etta went to dramatic entertainment at Lindsley
2nd Martha and I went to Chicago to look for shoes
the right one for seven dollars 3rd later It came and here
stayed all night and all rain
13th Went to Chicago to take the shoes over to suit me and last Sheeler
14th Went to Chicago to take the shoes over to suit me and last Sheeler
Color all right came here and next day I took her up as far as Shaw
15th had a flurry of snow 19th Letties commenced the work business
Emma Nichols came out here and stayed two nights
21. Fred, Mrs Wilson, Alvin, and Tom called here, real warm day
22 very warm like day Martha and I went to Lincoln Wilsons
to spend the day called at Mrs Hayes's saw all others were out
24th Quite cold like week and for the first time since her
baby was born came home sick with chills
26 turned very cold with high wind and a little storm
ing after 27th more mild I went to Chicago bought me
some woolen blankets

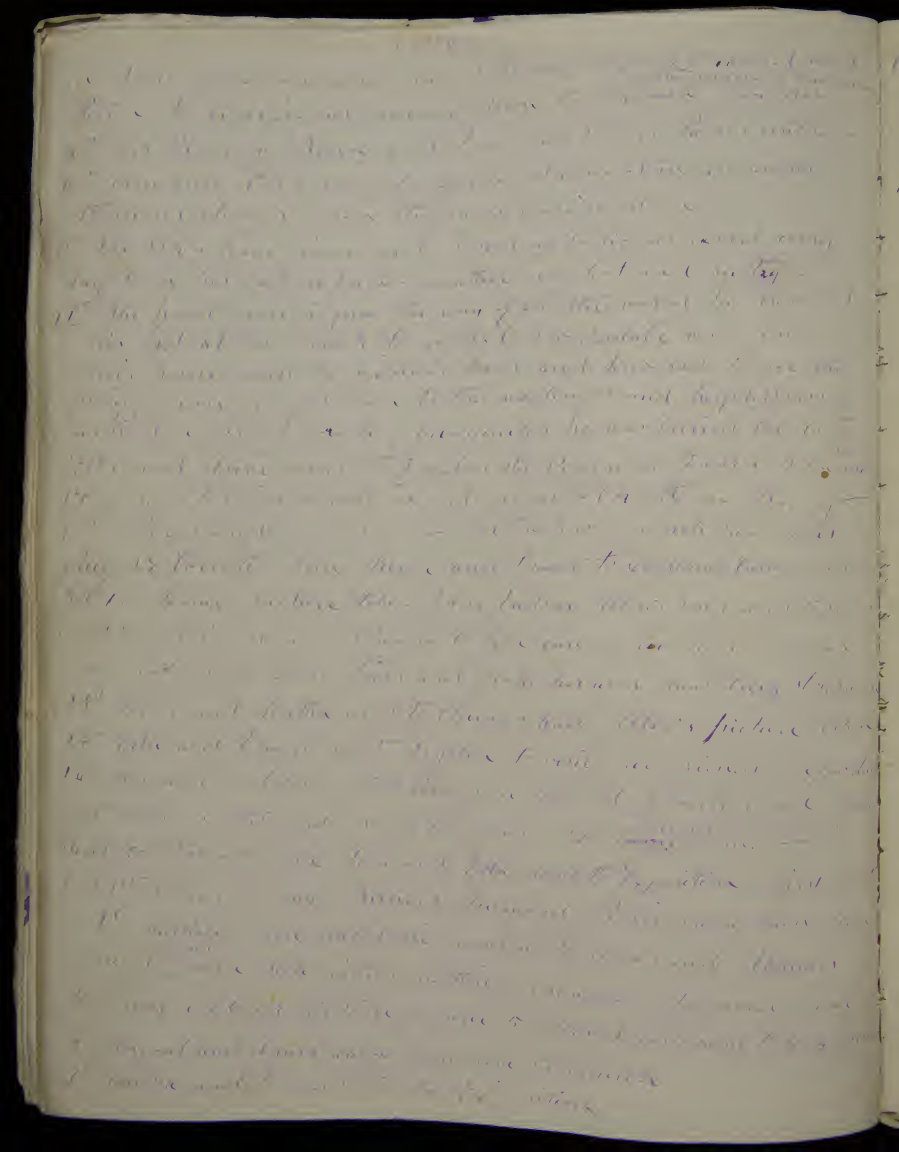
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] was sent to get me to go to [illegible] I went
up [illegible] Monday 11th and [illegible] Tuesday
[illegible] December were very [illegible] to [illegible]
we have seen [illegible] of [illegible] Father [illegible]
and to the Christian Church and to the Methodist Church [illegible]
to [illegible] Dear Lord [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

were there at school we were under the care of Prof. Wilkie
Books open as for the Night Boy must have some
I received a letter yesterday from Harriet Tibbetts who went to
Chicago to Mother Howard with Mrs Hall to be
with and to read them to Mrs Howard but after she had left
Mr and Mrs Howard received a postal card saying they
were coming home with Martha Sam Pete and the
Smart boys their stay (Mrs Howard the Rev Sam)
Corbett Ida Mrs Fitzpatrick and the three children made their
long dinner party The Howards came home with
our father from Chicago and stayed over Sunday
Jan 3rd 1875 I received comfortable days mostly passed with
Subscription for Humane Society Father came home with
Mr Arthur and Mrs Howard to Chicago in supper Thursday
eat the veggies and special Sunday
4th Weather continues fine and warm with my pupils again
5th Ida went to Chicago bought her a new shawl and Father
6th Rained hard and all night turned cold and remained
so until the 11th it began to rain again
12th Corbett Ida and Supply went to funeral party Thursday
14th Jane and Ettie went to Mother to tea and spent the
Jan 15th Ida to Chicago to give Dr Hall the Harriet
Knight me a new pair of silver framed spectacles
stayed awhile at Quinlivan's 16th Read Rain
17th Cleared off very warm and pleasant it was so warm
that I slept a good part of the night with only one quilt and
18th So warm that I am sitting in Martha's room Number
writing with the windows open has been raining part
of the day Last Thursday Martha and Sister



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16th [illegible]
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May 24th Kitchen
It is warmer to day — Father painted the inside of my
31st Martha and I went to Brimfield Cemetery — Decoration day —
31st Mrs Rose Hillestring and Etta went up to Mr Willey's
June 4th Wm and Tara came down here got Lucy's big rocking chair
& Had an awful nasty rain rainy cold 9th Etta went to Chicago
in the rain to pay taxes — 11th more rain weather cool —
12th I went to Dana stayed all night at Dunphy's —
14th Another awful Shower it has rained almost every past week night the
18th Heavy rain storm 19 Tara and Etta went to Michigan
the Lake was very rough and they were both sea sick — they
got home the 19th Clarion came home with them there was
more rain with much lightning thunder and wind a
most fearful night to crass the Lake —
25th Had an awful Storm of rain, wind and thunder great
damage done in many places, Aaron left here was going to
Chicago to stay all night and go home next day
26th Allie sick — 30 Minnie sick
July 1st I sear Peter and wife came out here had first ripe currants
2d Had another great flash of wind, rain and hail
5th I went to Chicago to attend the Fireman Society picnic
had a terrible storm — much lightning, thunder, rain & wind
it was so dark they had to light the gas was much frightened
took Rena with me I her at Fitz Patricks had supper with
them stayed all night at Dunphy's sister & came out to
Ernie's, went down to Clarendon's found all Sick ok and
Flora there in the afternoon we all went to Barnums show
Rena and I went to Bellows and stayed all night then
went to Alberts to dinner — came home at six — very hot weather
14th Martha Rena Allie and myself all went up to Mrs
Bufiers to make her a visit — very hot day

July 15th Lucia Allen came here from Iowa
18th I went to central Park to meet Mrs Kickah Flora and Mrs Dunphy 91 Carlett and Ida went to Chicago to concert in wagon took Mrs Kickah and Dunphy back to Sum —
25th we all went to central Park to family Pic nic a little rainy
26-27 Rena sick with cholera morbus so she could not go to Sunday Scool Pic-nic
28 Carbit, Sam, Ida, & Ella went to Lake Zurich — they came back the 30th — 31st I went to Chicago very hot day —
Aug 3d Mrs Smart Martha and I went to Baptist 9th Parlor Festival Pic nic to Maywood — Carlett and Ida went to Chicago
Aug 6th Aunt Lucy Josie and all the rest of our folks were all at Sam's to eat ice cream it may be the last night we shall all be together as I expect to leave home to morrow Early
Aug 7th left Chicago at one o'clock we round to Ft arrived at Sarnia half past 12 next day ought to have been not there four hours sooner but were delayed by a broken down train — got to Toronto about dark to Montreal at nine next morning to Burlington ~~at Burlington~~ at half past one to Shellburn about two got a ride over to Homers with a young lady (a Miss Green)
10th was intending to go to Aunt Ms but just before we got ready to start Aunt Lucia and Mr Sawyer came and spent the day — 11th Homer and Lucy went with me to Aunts to the old home of my childhood — but O how changed the old familiar faces all gone the house and and out buildings remodeled until they are not the same nothing but the everlasting hills and grand old mountains remain unchanged —

Aug
14th It has rained nearly every day for a week very warm.
15th I went to Hinesburgh village stayed all night at Mr Coe's — took dinner at Mrs Allen's called on Andrew Curry — visited Lucy Powell (that was) came home the 16-18 visited Mrs Hannah Russel and took a ramble over the rocks and hills and through woods where I was wont to stroll with my school mates in the happy days of childhood
19 Had a thunder shower, stayed at home all day
21st went to the swamp and ate huckleberries but did not pick
22 visited at Mr Bowers he went and brought R. Miller out there and we all had a good visit together — I went home with her and stayed all night Aunt came next morning to spend the day — had two very hot days thermometer 90 in shade —
25th Doris and Ellen and I went to the pond found many Rowe girls and a number of others there fishing, but it was no pleasure to me, and the romance of the pond, the rocks, and the woods were all gone — gone with the departed friends of my youth — never more to return —
27 R. Miller came to spend the day with us — 29 Harrison came home
31 Harrison and I went to School Pic nic in Hinmans sugar woods
Sept 1st Heavy rain — 3rd Harrison went to Uncle Rolph's they were all in the woods taking up a bee tree we followed on and had our fill of honey —
4th He went to H. Myers and the next day went to Essex to a fair
6th went out to Marie Rowley's they were not at home so came back to George Curry's and stayed all night and until forward night next day came back to Mrs H.
8th went to Starksborough to Polly's stopped 4 days enjoyed the ride muchly — up and down the hills, and over the clear shining streams — that came rushing and foaming down their rocky beds

Sept 9th Attended the Baptist yearly meeting - but my soul was
at those glorious old hills and woods much better than the meeting
10th Made a visit to Paxton Sept 15 - was delighted with the place
felt as if my loved ones were all with me there I cried over
11th Became back to Hunts - 13 went to Homers -
14th Homer took me to Irwin Rowleys stayed there until
the 17th Mrs Irwin carried me up to Peter Rowleys
18th Peters wife took me for a ride up to Lake View Cemetery
Stopped in the village and got some Horoscopic views
19th We visited at Mary Barnes's in Burlington village
20th Made blue plum preserves at Peters
21st Ella (Peters daughter) took me down to Mrs Seymours
Stayed there until the 24th Wm took me back to Homers
25th Mrs Singleton went with me to D Taggarts -
26th Visited Mrs Adeline Tracy - and Mrs Powell in one
27th Went riding with Irwin down on the Lake Shore
road, through Lovers Lane and on to Shelburne point
the scenery was most delightful - in all the years I lived
in Vt I never knew there was such lovely scenery within five
or six miles of us, it seems a perfect paradise on earth, a continual
28th Irwin took me back to Homers they were gone from home
went back to Shelburne Falls to Simon Curtis's and stayed until
most night then went to Homers
29th Was quite sick all day and all night
Oct 1st got back to Aunt. Mrs 4th rainy dismal day -
5th quite cold and windy 6th clear and pleasant
7th Had light frost the first of the season
10th Romilla came and stayed all day and all night then
I went home with her and stayed two nights it rained
nearly all the time I was there

Oct 14th Left Ithaca running 14th visited the old nursing place where my parents married - my mother and many other old friends Lived - Homeward Road visiting &c - running, while we go marching on the same

17th Dudy Church came and made us her farewell visit -

18th Bid farewell to the old Homestead on the hill - looked probably for the last time on the blue mountains in the distance and the nearer hills gorgeous in autumnal splendor

we went to Homers 21 I went to Uncle Ralph's - Rhoda and Mary went with me down to the river that I so longed to see and where I had spent so many happy hours in my young days but when the river was changed it looked much narrower and the old mill and bridge was gone, the dark green hemlocks and pine trees all cut down - all looked desolate and dreary - we went on a little further to take a look at Uncle Clarks old place and then back home - next morning went back to Homers cold north wind - snow on the mountains the peak of old Camel white by the village took a ride with Homer up on the north road and around

Oct 23 left Shelburn at half past four Aunt with me we arrived at Brushes Mills at half past ten found Harrison waiting for us at the Depot - 24th it rained all day

25 snowed all day 26 visited Allphens Eveyer very pleasant but so cold the snow did not melt a

Sept 27th went to Church to hear Harris preach - still cold - snow

29th left Brushes Mills at ten O'clock got to Watertown at dark to Syracuse at half past nine stopped at the Globe Hotel got up at three in the morning - waited in the Depot until half past five then started for Buffalo where we arrived at 11 in the evening Oct 30

31st Miserable cold rain Nov 1st started to go to Niagara Falls but was too late for the train in afternoon went to Forest Lawn Cemetery

cold chilly day

1877

Nov 1st August Adams & Raine and high mixed water all over Buffalo flats so it looks just like the Lake

3rd left Buffalo at seven in the morning arrived at Alpreds at half past 5 PM at Tolleins Ohio—

5th rain and snow— 6" went to Mr Deans— and to Mr & Mrs Perkins

7th left Tollens at 9 in morning got to Chicago 6 at night— joined Will Marsireh and Ella at the Depot waiting for me

8— 9 rain— snow — cold and unpleasant—

Nov 20th I went to Chicago for the first time since I came out I was there 11 days I stayed all night at Barnards next day it rained all day I tramped around all day in the mud there came home —

24th the sun has not shone for nearly a week has rained most all the time the roads are awful no travel only by those that are obliged to go— up hard as a brick

Nov 25th Martha and Ella went to Chicago, very cold day must prepare dinner

29th Thanksgiving very cold, Martha and I went to Barnards to dinner can't stir out

Dec 11th Very warm just like spring but the roads so bad no one have been having a little sick spell but am better today

15th Rena and went to Chicago, warm comfortable day —

16th Still warmer 5 am Ella and I dined at Farwells on baked trout

18th Rained [illegible] very dark and dismal [illegible] Ella and Mrs Wright came at noon and stayed for Martha — as it washday

19th 20th So warm we could hardly have a fire wanted the [illegible] open

22d Ella and I went to Chicago, rained nearly all day very warm

Dec 25th We all met at Pauls and had dinner and supper dull rainy day Ella stayed home for the first time since she moved away 22 out of 4 years

27th Still continues raining and the mud is simply awful has not

1878

Jan 1st Clear beautiful day the first time the sun has shone for shone

3 days Mr Kirk came and stayed all night with us last night and went home in the morning

1877

Jan 1st All well went to Yarnells to a oyster supper the years
2d Thermal cold in the night and snowed a few little & still cold
5th A little more snow not deep yet but cold to snow —
7th Billy sold ten steers between 1 & 2 yrs old warmer
11 first time a sled is used — Ike Sam and Billy Sam and Etta and Chicago to stay until
Jan 17th Margaret came down here and stayed until the 20th very mild
21st Christ entered it was the all up Ida came over here to stay until her comes were painted and planned so was home when Maggie was
21st Irving Hickok and his young wife came to James and stayed two days
27th Ida went back home weather very mild no sleighing yet —
29th Martha and I went to Chicago she had some teeth filled we went to Dunlaps and stayed all night, came home next day —
31st Had quite a snow storm

Feb 1st Snowed just all day and all night — 2d Frank & Meier moved in my house
3d Fine pleasant day sleighs here were flying and bells gay, all day —
Feb 11th Sam Etta Jennie and myself went to Leyden in sleigh
found very bad sleighing, stripped in some places, bare ground in others
we called a few minutes at Billy's stayed at Thomas about
half an hour and at Wises long enough to get supper —
13 Martha and I went to see Mrs Porter
16 Weather warm snow gone — off very fast mud coming in
19th Mathias and his wife came out to James to stay
23 Mrs Warswick commenced side walk in front of house
25 Frank Meier determined my house front room main room
front bed room up stairs had front room papered —
March 3d Ida's baby sore went there to stay with her
Sunday March 10 George and Willie Rowe and Fred and
Tom all came down here to make a farewell call before
going to Kansas it rained hard and is so muddy they had
a hard time to get here

March 19 It has been very cold all day this week
March 23 Rena's birthday very warm all day so we did not need a fire Thomas and Jenny Tom and Ella took supper with us and in the evening the wind changed very suddenly and blew a perfect gale and got very cold in a few minutes Thomas and his wife were alarmed about their children and went home in a hurry —
24 real cold with slight flurries of snow —
25 Martha Rena and I went to Chicago Rena and I stayed all night at Mr Hutchins they lived on the corner of Warren and Western Ave's —
April 8th Mrs Fitz Hitty and Corbett came out to Corbetts 10th they all came over to Ella's it was the first time Lola has been home since her baby was born
13 sowed lettuce 17th planted some potatoes in Lola's —
20 Had pie plant pie — 22 went to Mrs Hutchins's funeral
23 Went to bed Mrs Hastings good by they were all in mourning
29 Mr has rained almost continually the last week in April
1 May 1st planted two potatoes Sarah Watts and Peerless Spinach
3 4 5 quite cold Frank went away as mysteriously as he came
6 I went to Chicago to attend to see Mrs Edwards
14th Martha Rena and I went to Chicago to get hats
16 cold miserable weather has been cool and wet all this month I have been sticking pie weather to make the last two weeks and under as many quilts as I can in bed

1895

May 14th Rena and I went for unpublished rain [illegible] the weather is [illegible]
have not been to Leyden this spring, the roads have been [illegible]
23 Rena & I started [illegible] to visit Wisconsin
26 Rena and Ella went to Forehand - Will and Martha
went to Thomas - Richard Tracy, the three children
came and Dora came down here - Viola came to help get dinner
29 Miserable cold rain all day thought it would snow
before morning but in the morning it cleared off and was
a fine day though pretty cool. Martha Rena and Dora
with Aunt Tracy and Josie to Rose Hill Cemetery. Potatoes
31 a little warmer - planted 11 cucumber seeds

June 1st Viola and Rena went to Chicago - 2d rained all day
3d James Jobs moved down to Fred Priests house
potatoes yesterday
8th Another cold miserable rain - Sam commenced cultivating
13 I went to Chicago stayed all night to Rikers - called at Dunphy next day
June 15th Sam Ella and I went to Chicago in wagon day of the season warmest
June 21st Viola Ella and I went to Leyden for the first time
this spring I stayed until the 23 when Richard Tracy
and their three children came down to our house and we
all went over to Aunt Tracy's to eat strawberry supper
25th Easter Dunphy came out here for the first time since
my return from it she stayed until the 28th
29 had a short shower not enough to do any good
30th Mrs Edwards and Ella came out here

July 7 ... Mrs Dr Ellis ... took Rena and Martha
at 5 for the ... went to Turner Park for a ride came back and
10 Emily Church ... had a ... at the Fidelity grounds which
we are attended every ... day it had been excessively hot
every day since the 4th ... very hot had a heavy rain last night with
much thunder
13-14-15-16-17 extremely hot weather ranging from 95 to 105 great many
horses taken sick in St Louis and other places
Rena taken down with measles July 11th 1878
July 17th Rena ... to sit up ... picked the last hand ... cherries
20th another awful hot day 96 to 100 at night had a glorious good rain
Aug 1st Fannie sick with measles Allie just got over them
4th June ... Rena ... to ... Mrs ... had many ... sick
5th Martha and I went down to Thomas Harwich ... get cutter
visit of Jennie Homes
11th Martha Rena and I all went up to Ziegler kept Rena to supper
12th Sam and Ella went to Chicago ... Rena and I ... sick headache and rain
13th Ely went with me to Ziegler after Rena ... at Bishop's
21st Martha and I took ... Mrs Hicks and Flora home had a splendid Party
23rd ... heavy rain 24th Martha and I went down to Ella's to dinner
and Rena went to Chicago
it being her Birthday took our first ride on our own Buggy Allie
drove Presidents Hays
Sept 3rd Rena and I went to Chicago to see the Peruvian Savages
Sept 5th Laura came down here went with Sam and Ella to see
Sept 4th Aunt Lucy Josie Mira from Wheaton Viola Ella
and Mrs Smart all here to celebrate my 42nd birth day
Sarah Viola's ... girl

1875

Sept 9th [illegible] at the East with Father
[illegible] Father & Mother Paul and Margaret [illegible]
9 a.m. [illegible] Paul and Margaret [illegible] 22 years
Miss [illegible] Paul [illegible] Father's Birthday
Sept 14 Martha Rena and I went to Chicago left house at [illegible]
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Sept 15 Fannie's Birthday quilted 2 blocks obtained quilt
17 The weather has been very hot the last four days they are cool
Sept 22 Corbett and I he went to Chicago called at Thompkins
25 Ida and I went to Brown to Watsons got plated tea
Spoons for Ida, Martha and Ella: bill watch chain [illegible]
raised, hailed, thundered and wind blew terribly
28 took Martha and Ella up to Nine to stay a two days
Oct 1st Entertainment Paul and I went to Hossicks got tomatoes, potatoes
Ida and Ell went up to Snyders to bring Martha
home visited State Fair on the last for a time they were
3rd Pa & Ma to Chicago got Silver dessert spoons for Ida tea spoons
and watch for myself two heated dessert spoons for Hattie
5th Ida Rena and I went to Chicago had Fannie photo
called to see Sister 7th went with Jam to see the race grounds
Corbett went to Cincinnatti came back the 7th
8th Heavy rain with thunder and lightning
Oct 14 Martha and [illegible]

Oct 15 We all went to Sophia to quilting - dark - stormy - chilly day
16-17 - 18 pretty cold had first frost 18th 20° same again
21 Martha went to Chicago and bought her dining room stove
24 Martha and I went to Chicago in Buggy drive down on Milwaukee ave stopped a Sister Dunphy's - cold chilly day
25 I went to Chicago to stay all night - it was pretty comfortable day - 26 commenced to storm in the morning
27 regular winter day - ground white with snow which commenced falling last night
30 cold rain with flurries of snow 31 Sam and Arthur not back
Nov 1st Clear pleasant day - but high wind
2d Etta went to Chicago to stay over Tuesday with Aunt she came back the 4th from it Emma Hickok with her she stayed under the 5 Margaret and Nina came down here Nov 18 Mary Jane Mathews buried today - dark and gloomy with a little rain
Nov 24 Aunt Lucy Josie and Minnie at Sams Fred Hill came down here with the news that his old uncle was dead the next day George and Laura came down to engage Mr Powers to attend the funeral
27th Sam took the Thacker up to Millers road pretty good but cold raw wind
28 Thanksgiving very fine pleasant day all our folks except myself had their turkey dinner at Sams I was not well enough to go but had my dinner with Mr Parker's folks
Nov 29th Will and Martha went to Chicago with Sam in buggy very comfortable day we have not had any snow except what we had the latter part of Oct have had fine weather most of this month

Dec 1st Rena & I left the Unity Church for England [illegible]
2 Rena and I attended Church & got herself a cloak and dress
Dec 10 Rena and I went to Chicago got her cloak and dress
12 I went home to Ellis and stayed until the next night
the two Miss Churchill and Mr Churchill were there to supper
14-15 Very severe stormy weather mild the best sleighing
we have had for years - 16 Martha and Rena went to Chicago
17th Martha's birthday - we spent the day making Rena new
more snow and pretty cold 19-20 ten degrees below zero
21 more snow 22 very cold our fine sleighing nearly spoiled
as the snow is drifting badly
22 very cold and stormy a Miss Chapin preached at Unity
Church but so cold we did not any of us go
23-24 very cold Thermometer ranging from ten to 15° below
25 Not quite so cold - Aunt Lucy Josephine and all
of our family had turkey dinner and Oyster supper at
[illegible] the sleighing all gone and we had a
[illegible] the next day and sleighed
[illegible] Sunday 28th 30 degrees below zero
31st [illegible]

this last the year 1879 - not the time and the
[illegible] since we [illegible] ago today

1879

Jan 1st

Sam Etta and myself went to Austin to attend Judge Dunshy's wedding it was quite a grand affair for common folks had a very nice supper, they all stayed here and had a jolly good time - the weather was quite mild during the day but turned cold before we started home Sam froze his fingers and Etta got a bad cold it grew colder and colder all night the wind blew furiously Ida and the children were at Martha's and had to stay all night Will went over and made a fire for her in the morning and Mr Churchill carried them home in sleigh Corbett was gone to Rochelle to visit Pattersons

2d 3d two awful cold days Thermometer ranging from 16 to 24 below zero now had such weather since cold Saturday 1864

5th Nothing to say only very cold

11th First comfortable day we have had since the 1st Rena and Fannie went to Chicago to stay a week with Corbett Etta first went to consult Dr Hope he prescribed Cod liver oil

12th very fine day I rode down to Etta with Mr Churchill and

14 Martin Hickok came out here 15th quilters came Sam went down to Jones and stayed all night 15th he went home

21st Mrs Hickok and Sister Dunshy came out stayed two days Martin came after them and brought Simon he stayed until 28th when Sam carried him home in the

mean time we had the usual fun & frolic and eat from
stump to stump at the usual [illegible] in a week
Ada came just like spring on Sunday 2d Martha - Reuel
Eldon and Ida came from to dinner -

9 Rose Hilday - Margaret and Alice were down how
late we sat 17 the girls stayed all night Edna
George stayed most of the time - Ella and Sam stayed to
F & S Ida and Ella had supper & made at Edna
9 the weather has been quite mild for a week past - but
the snow banks get no less the best where we get
it to do our washing - 8 Martha and Reuel went to Town
9 I went to Edna's to stay with the children while she
went to hear the little Welch Preacher -
12 Rob & Reuel paid taxes - 13 went over to Edna's
stayed all day and all night - She and Martha went to
hear the Tennessean's boy - but could not get in the
was so crowded it was awful cold - almost as cold as the [illegible] Jan
14th Mr Churchill's horse got her leg broken and had to be killed
16 weather mild with a little soft snow George Lamphere
and wife came out to Jane's - 17 I went down to visit with
20th Mr and Mrs Smart moved in the house with
Arthur - fell a little more snow at night
21 Attended Walter Hubbard's funeral - 19 went to see
Dr Tyler about my back - Corbett, Edna, and Reuel
went to Centennial Hall to hear a woman read

[illegible] Sister [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Sunday April 1st Pleasant day - 2d quite a heavy snow
3d very boisterous frozz hard last night and this morning
Charles Cook rode on his horses
4th Very pretty cold & very fine day snow all gone
6 warm and pleasant - Martha gone to Emily Thomas
7 very heavy rain - Fannie and Katie both sick
Katie had convulsions - 15 cold with north wind most of the time
18 Pleasant comfortable day Martha cleaned Pantry
April 24 Mr Cooks folks moved away to Austin and
Tom's moved in house not had any rain since the 7
Apl 30 the weather has been very warm the past two weeks
to 90 two days
so we did not need fire much of the time Thermometer
warm all in flowers & Corn just beginning to come out
May 1st last night a heavy cold had frost
2d Mr Cook here in ½ an hour in Richmond
3d Pa went to Chicago to Mr Richoks rode in
with Mr Sanders went on the cars stayed all
night at the Mickey next day went to hear J Thomas
preach - in the afternoon George took Mira and
I to Mr Robins Ida and Eliza. Summers - next
went to Mr Richoks and stayed all night one day & night
7th pretty cold weather for this time of year - Mag was shown
and kay with cow and calf turned while they were
away - to the funeral of his wife -

May 10th 71-12- very warm for this time of the year
11th Tarbett, Adda, Sam and Ella went to Chicago to [illegible] with us
13 I went to Trinity Church - Strawberry festival - last time we were there
Sunday 18th Richard, Lucy, Eva, Nellie and Maud all here
Aunt Lucy gave Eva a gold watch weather quite cool
22d Rena and I went to Methodist Strawberry festival
25th Heavy rain which was badly needed also much thunder, and lightning struck the spire of the Episcopal church doing it considerable damage
May 29th Margaret came this way from Chicago and I went home with her and stayed four days - Adda and Ella came after me June 2d the weather had been very warm the 1st and 2d of June untill sat 31 it turned awful cold and remained so
June 5th Martha and I went to Chicago to the Home Fair
Martha bought her oil stove paid 8 dollars for it - I went to see Dr Fisher about my back he gave me some medicine and a Belladonna Plaster drove Doll and left her at the Wicks
Mr and Mrs Stanley Sanford were here Tuesday Mrs Pinsfield
June 6th very cold had heavy frost thousands of tomato plants killed also corn beans and potato tops
8th Quite warm again - 14 heavy rain very warm so we slept without any, about warm 19th Cold - Carroll and Adda went to Leyden 16 so cold we slept under two quilts and a woolen blanket had frost but not enough to injure things much 17 not quite so cold - Ella and

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I went down to Lyons got strawberries for 6 cts a quart
when we got home found Richard - Lucy - Eva Nellie
and Mand — June 19th Lola - Ett - and Hattie Thurs.
went to Chicago in Buggy drove Corbett's horse
21st Another heavy rain storm Allie has been a couple of
days had the Dr (Pope) 22d We all went to Aunt Lucy's
to our annual strawberry feast, persimmers folks all there also
and I think we devoured more than a half bushel of
berries Rena went home with Richard's folks —
24 Tom and Ett went to Chicago with Cherries only got
a dollar and half a bushel - their cow had a calf the same day
26th Martha and I went to Chicago left horse at Hickok's
had bad luck all day - it rained and we had our
fill strikes stolen and last Martha's Parasol coming
home died not do anything we intended came home with the blues
27 It rained very hard — no more rain -
" George Dunphy and wife came out to get cherries
turned 29 very pleasant but roads muddy
June 1 went to Leyden after Rena took Allie with me
July 3d awful hot day Corbett and Lola went to Chicago
to take Kitty Fitz-Patrick home was out in a very hard
thunder shower turned cold in the night —
July 4th quite a cool day but clear and pleasant
Rena and I went to Leyden Picnic in Robinson's woods
Corbett Tom Lola and Ett went to central Park Martha stayed
at home very dull time all around —

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July 5th We all picked and canned Cherries
" 6th awful hot day Corbett Ada Sam and I & a went to
Albert Hickoks and Lincoln Park had an awful heavy rain
with thunder lightning and wind they did not get home
until ten O'clock P.M. turned cold- 7th rained all day- same day
10th 11th 12th awful hot days Flora went home 12th Sister I came
here
July 13th George Willey came out here Mrs D rode home with
" 14 Extremely hot - 15 hottest day as the season - from 95-10-100
" 16 a little more comfortable Cherries lasted until today
" 17 I went to Chicago stayed all night at Willey's turned so
cold that Laura was chilled through with her water proof
an overcoat
when she was riding in from the country and her brother wore
18 just warm enough to be comfortable I came home and
Etta went in to stay with Laura a few days while
they started the 15th
Sam and Jean Pebble were gone on their expedition
22 had a little rain
23 Martha Rena and I went to Lincoln Park to the Episcopal
Pic-nic - Sam and Etta got home the same day -
29 Sam and Etta started for West Creek Ind -
Martha went as far as Chicago with them -
July 31st Martha and Will went to Chicago in Buggy left
old Polly at Mr Hickoks and went down town on street car
for cash
Will bought him a 90 dollar gun and paid 8 dollars more
Aug 1st Aunt Lucy Martha and went to Logdon to see
Minnie we sold
Nenole Winn he has been sick several weeks it was the last
time
Martha stayed all night and went to see the crazy folks dance

May 2d Sam and Etta got home from ~~Enel~~ West Creek
" 3d Will and Allie went up to Leyden after Martha and
Richard's ~~Sallie~~ came down with them and took old Dick with them home
had a slight shower
7th I went to Chicago to get wall paper for Etta's bed room
Tarbett and C went off to Fox Lake for pleasure excursion
D came out last night
came back the 11th-15th quite cool 17th much cooler sister
Aug 18th Mrs D Martha and I went down to Jenny Warwick's
" 26 Martha Rena ~~Alice~~ Mrs Payne and her girls Mrs Arnold
the babies
and her girls and myself all went to the Foundling's home to see
28th the weather has been very dry and hot for the last week or two
Chilson came to see us today he was on his way home from
live
Ft where he had been to see his Mother who is not expected to
he only stayed with us one night
last Sunday 24th Sister D Rena and I went to Camp Meeting
stayed all night at Willey's - Sat night and Sunday night
Aug 29th Etta had quilting that Mrs Smart made for them
very warm weather
had eleven quilters and did not get it half done
Sept 2d Uncle Wm died was buried the 3d it turned cold
thick shawls
raised a little in the morning so cold had to wear cloaks and
4th finished Etta's quilt to celebrate my birth day
Mrs D went back to Chicago this morning
Willey
" 10th Etta and I went to Chicago in Buggy left Sol at
Sept 20th Mrs Mulligan and Clark Farewell's wife and three
children came Mrs M so sick had the Dr

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Sept 19th I took Laura home (she had been staying with Ell a few days)
brought Margaret home with me to go to Furnace
23 Mrs Mulligen and companions went back to Chicago
Martha went to Leyden to take Margaret home and brought
Jenny Harris home with her to sew for her rained very little
Sept 25 quite cool last night had the first frost hard enough to kill tomato vines
27-28-29th very warm weather 30th much hotter
Oct 1st Ada and Rena went to Leyden to take Jenny Harris home
they got some grapes at Mr Gray's very hot Thermometer 95 in the shade
without any fire 104 in the sun has been very dry for some time
Oct 2d had quite a hard shower Thurehill's new cistern about
half full more rain than we have had since July 4th the
day our folks went to Lincoln Park
Sept
Oct 14th Tarbell and Ada Rena and I went to Central Park
took Mrs D there to go back to Chicago she came out last night
Sept
Oct 14 Ada Rena and I went to the Exposition Ada bought pearl
Sept
17 we all went to Mrs Merrills to quilting Laura was there
she came down here last Sunday night
Sept 18th Hannie's birthday we were all over there to supper Laura too
Oct 5th an extremely hot day Sam and Ell went up to the regatta to
Oct 5th Ada's birthday she and her children were here and Ell came
and we had Ben all to ourselves as in former times very pleasant
9th all I can say is awful I never knew such weather in Oct
15th Martha went to the Exposition weather still continues hot
Thermometer ranging between 90 and 98 in shade 105 and upwards in sun

Oct 16 Nature very kind day but it rained at night and terrible
18th Rena and I went to Chicago stayed over Sunday at Nichols came home Monday
Oct 21 Lucy came down here and she and Martha went in town all night stayed all night at Bellons when they came back she stayed here Eva and Nellie came after her it was real cold - wind north 24th so cold we slept in woolen blankets with two quilts and comfts 27th 28th continues cold - 29th I went to Evans to visit Newells stayed two nights then went back to Chicago it had got so cold that I really suffered going about doing my shoping went up to Milleys and stayed all night came home the 1st day of Nov called at Mrs Edwards it was regular winter weather and at night we had quite a snow storm 2-3-4 very cold for this time of year the river frozen over — 5th Some warmer Martha and Rena went to Leyden to get bells & thin apples (that did get there) 6th quite a comfortable day Mrs Smart and Ell went to Chicago Ell got her a blue hood - 7th & 8th very warm took off two flannels seems just like spring 8th Ada and Rena went to Chicago to have the children pictures taken but Lulie was so scared they could not take her or do any thing with her 9th had a shower last night - but it is quite pleasant to day 10th 11th very warm need no fires - 12th a little cooler had a heavy rain last night and it has been showery to day very much so Garrett and Sam went to Chicago to see the Grant display 13th Martha Etta and I went to Mrs Hubbards to sew for her 14th 15th very cold 21 22 a little more comfortable - Arthur has been very sick for a week with Diptheria —

Dec 23rd Pat the Katie Ransom start today for Kansas
.. 24 It rained nearly all day – we have got every thing
all ready for Thanksgiving. Two more days and we shall have
no one home to help us eat Turkey –
27th We all got together at Jane's to eat skin – but it rained so
hard that Richard's folks did not come. We had out
the road was so bad they went back home – they thought they
would have somebody and sent for us and Mrs Hunt & and
Mrs young &c – Rose Kittredge and her sister Mattie came
and we had quite a merry time after all – Ida and Pat up
children stayed all night – 28 it rained then snowed turned cold and froze
Dec 29th Martha and Ida went to Chicago quite mild day
.. 30th Had some rain – 31st made Mark day –
.. 4th Etta, Mrs Churchill, and Katie went to Chicago –
.. 5-6-7-8th very mild and very muddy –
.. 9th Rained nearly all day 10th turned cold and froze hard
.. 13th I went to Chicago to make a farewell visit to Alonzo's
They expect to start for Kansas soon 14th Alonzo, Marcette
to see the sights
and I called at Wirts on Main street at Pilton – and J Jump's
train
15th Retta old I ran around all day came home on the 4 o'clock
14-17-18th quite cold with a little snow 19th more mild
Dec 23 Etta went to Chicago and got her furs –
24 It rained and froze so it is so slippery one can hardly walk
.. 25th All our folks and Mattie Kittredge and wife & Minnie
and wife Ida and Mrs Smart. Our and Mrs Churchill with
all the children down in the P.M. – met at Jane's to get their
presents on the Christmas tree they had some nice presents
and a good many small ones & the children had a real

[illegible] the last day of the month of our [illegible]
[illegible] had a fine time visiting with Dr Burleson a number
of [illegible] have died and some are sick it is said Tim
[illegible] and Lee the rest of the family eat Christmas dinner
at 2 PM Ed Sutton roasted a turkey and had no one to help eat it Rena Tom Ella and I took our dinner
in my room My was a very cold day 10 degrees below zero
26th Not quite so cold 28th very comfortable day Jo Hewett,
Lucy, Eva, Willie and Maud came down here in sleigh
Dec 31 Clear pleasant day Edna and her children came over
Rena threw water on her and quite good sleighing on
the sidewalk but not much in the road thus endeth the 1879 year

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Jan 1st [illegible] Rena Ella Tom and I took dinner
at Mr Reed Dickens took here to eat turkey dinner
but they did not come Mr Reed & Mr Mc Mc had no
company but Tom Edna came a little while in afternoon
weather fine but roads bad

Jan 2d Clear beautiful day more like spring than any time
we have yet I saw blue jays flying to sing but cant know how snow nearly
all melted away it quite slippery 4th rained hard all day and
all night but today is warm and pleasant went to Mr Coles'
to turkey dinner Mrs Mc Neal & Mr Patterson Milly is out here with him but he did not come
Jan 5 Ella and Rose went to Chicago and bought Cloaks
7th I went to Chicago with Ella she took her cloak and changed it
it was a dark and rainy day so could hardly see to do any thing
9th Mr Knox got to Cadiz Thursday the one that he died today
11th Mr Knox buried Mr Gillingham attended the funeral in Cadiz

Jan 18 We have had severe weather the last week & warm we Harolay needed fire Tank and Ethe went to young Mr Foley's and to Mr Hickok's and there all out ready to start to Kansas 21 rained all day roads in a horrible condition

Thursday (22d) another young Corbett come to Town coldest weather Jan 26 Miss Vision received for the first time in Trinity Church Mr Hoyt and Miss Nellie came out here yesterday Monday's last visit 28 raining and freezing at the same time - 29 Monday Henry and Charlie started for Kansas - 30-31 coldest weather we have had from the 23 to the 27 was uncommonly warm so we slept with only one quilt and a blanket over us - Feb 8th we have had cold weather all this month so far but no snow -

Feb 11 Martha went to Chicago it rained most all day she stayed all night - 17th I went to Chicago and Emma Hickok came out here it rained at night but turned to snow and froze hard before morning 21 Emma went home Rena went with her - we all went to hear Brooke Herford preach has been cold all the week - Another of Behrings children died last night also Mrs Bailon berg of Ridge Lane

Feb 22 Went to Unity Church to hear Mr Lang of Joliet

25 I went to Chicago to see Emma before she left for Kansas stayed all night at Ellicks went down Town to do Shoping went to Mellays stayed all night & Margaret and I called to see Mrs Everett on Desplaines Street it was a cold raw misty miserable day & wasn't very pleasant

Feb 29th it rained all the afternoon yesterday but in the evening it very suddenly turned cold the wind blew furiously from the N W and froze the mud all up in a hurry - we slept with more bed clothes over us than any time during the winter - Emma and Julia started for Kansas -

March 1st Quite warm & pleasant nearly all day
2d Began wind and turned cold 3d Cold wind Cattle driven to shelter in the morning to return away out & things blow in the afternoon 4th Church as fine in the am and warm Lessons sick the Rockwood cold and Cousin 5th Had quite a little snow storm but it soon melted all 10th Clear but a cold east wind Ida came over here for the first time since Aug Mrs Wm Thorsen brought the two boys Josephine went to Fargo last Monday and sent a telegram to Simon to buy a ticket for her and Ida [illegible] to come back 11th Went to the Station Ida & Josephine started to Ida 12th First time snow all gone 12th Mrs Hackett came here 15th Concert at Centennial Hall Fargo with Lidas children in the 21st Carl carried Jennie and Lottie to Chicago in carriage March 1st Richard Lucy and Minnie came from here —
2d Very fine day — mud & ice all gone & warm as
23-24th Cold freezing weather with a little snow
24th Fine day 31st Fine — with rain in the night
April 1st Lucy & Minnie went home Ida & Josephine would not go Josephine went home 2d Fine warm day — very pleasant day
3d Painted 3 [illegible] and Ida came out to visit us went
8th Mitchell up & down to see us for the first time this year
9th Had a little flurry of snow in the morning —
10th Cold Bitter wind & snow — another cold spell during the week
12th Easter but little to attended 12th Fine warm day
with angry looking wind & dust — snow storm in the night
14th Not quite so cold — Thunder shower at night
lightning — struck a tree near the Engineers cars and

April 8th—one day [illegible], cool, and delightful. I went to see Mrs
16 quite a heavy rain 18th awful Hurricane in various parts
of the west, whole small Town destroyed in Missouri great many lives
lost nearly a hundred killed in Marshfield Mo over a hundred
dwellings destroyed—many houses torn down in Mo and a
number of lives lost—It was an awful hot day—
19th turned awful cold—21 Martha and I went to Chicago Mira
paid Harwood tax I went up to Riley's one o'clock had dinner
27th Martha took Ellie to Chicago and had his tooth taken
28th Mrs Hickok went back to Chicago—
29th I went to Chicago with Corbett—Mrs King—and Mrs Fay
to hear a lecture by Mr Hazard from Wheaton—subject
unruly boys, he did not do the subject justice at all—it was
not worth 2 cts, could have done better myself—
May 4 Celia went to Chicago for the first time since
baby was here Ella went with her—
5 Fred Smith planted potatoes for Martha
6th Mira Riley came here—weather has been delightful the last week
May 8th Heavy rain with much thunder and lightning Mira
and I stayed all night at Corbetts on account of the storm
11th I went to Chicago called to see Mrs Ellen in the house where
Mrs Dunphy has a room—Ellie went to Leyden carried
Mira home and brought Laura back with her Ella stayed
12 Laura went in town 15 Martha and Ella came out
Turn out I went up to Richards after dark
Sunday 16th a beautiful day Papa preached at Unity and I was not
14 had first ripe strawberries 14 cts—Ella Flesie and I went
to Centennial Hall to Unity Church Strawberry festival very warm

May 19th had a heavy storm then it turned cool 20th too cold for corn
May 27th Sam's house that he bought moved on the Gillingham lot
21st Pullis coal trained ahead the Narrow Gauge services for the soldiers
30th Martha and Nellie went to Trinity Church memorial
31st rainy day Nellie quite sick
June 1st very pleasant day 2d cool with showers
7th Martha and I went to Chicago got wall paper for her front room and front chamber 10th papered the sitting room it took almost our rolls of paper very hot day
11th Richard Lucy Ella Nellie Maud and Edolie came down to Ella's awful hot 12-13-14 had rain turned cool
15th we had needed fire to be comfortable slept with two quilts and woolen blanket over us the wet cold weather has caused our cherries to burst so they will be nearly half wasted commenced using them yesterday Nola went to Chicago last Wed 9th got the children hats
19th Sam and Ella went to Chicago stayed all night at Millers Ell got her cashmere dress
20th delightful day Martha went to Trinity Church to the preacher had gone have not had a pleasant sunday for several weeks 21-22 Ell had address maker from Austin
26 Sister Dunphy came out here 28 she went back and I went with her got Rosa Sam dress coal nine days
29 picked currants for Jenny Warwick
June 2nd Linda Pierce Fisher called to see us she was married one week ago they were on the way to Mc Pherson county Kansas

July 1st Had three or four showers I went down to Mr Shaw's Between have had rain quite often our currents are a failure —
July 4th Tarbett and family went to Feyden - Tom and Ett went to Pomeroy to (Long Grove) Mr Churchill's - rained at night I went to 5th Chs the 4th came on Sunday the 5th was celebrated Tarbetts family Arthurs Martins also all took dinner at Toms and myself and Mr and Mrs Smart - and then Toms, Tarbetts Arthurs folks and Rence all went to Central Park for a ride to Hinsdale and also in the eve we went up to Woods to see them dance in the door yard
July 7th Martha and Rose went to Chicago - 8th Rose started out I was in the rain picked the last pint of berries - 9-10-11 very hot weather 11 to see Ida - Rence and I went to the woods to get some berries but it was so hot and the mosquitos so thick that we shal not stay long to pick any
12th Ida went to Chicago Tom and Ett went in their Buggy with the horse that Dr Lewis used to own
13th another awful hot day Thermometer 114 in the sun 96 in shade up to 104 days
14 - 15 a little more comfortable 14 Martha and Fanny Bismark went
15th George Dumphys wife three sons and five children visited Ett it turned real cool at night
16-17-18 Delightful days just warm enough and just cool enough nights
18 had a fine shower in the night 17 very cool -
20th I went to Chicago had another cold night almost like winter
21 Tarbett and family started for Iowa
22 Rence and I went up to Mr Long's for the first time since Nov 15th 1879
when we got home found Sister Dancy here stayed all day
25 Tom and Ett went to Riverside took tea dinner and
July 26 Allies visit stayed we went to Central Park to ride
Mich Rennie and Ida and I went down town - fine day

July 31 We were all at Mrs Brewsters to tea except Ida and Child[ren] as usual
Aug 1st Tolerable hot days - 2nd so cold had to sleep with two quilts
Sarah Mrs D Iron to Maywood to do some work for Mrs
4th She and I went up to Richards - called at Willeys
Aug 6th Ida and family got home from Tower - weather fine
11th Martha and Etta went up to Richards took Rena to visit her vacation
13th took Sister Dunphy to Central Park for her to go back to Chicago
Sister Brewster went with us - 15th Sam and Et went up
to Willeys and Richards and brought Rena home -
16th I went to Chicago to see the Knight Templars - saw
Forepaugh circus parade the streets
17th Corbett, Ida, Sam, Etta, Laura, Martha, Arthur Harold
and wife all went together in waggon to see the Templars
18 Martha Rena and I went to the Driving Park to see
the Templar drill and hear the music
19th 18th were two awful hot days - the hottest of the season
19th had a fine shower 21 quite cool -
22 We expected Eva and Nellie down here but they did not
3 8th birthday
come and we all went to Aunt Lucy's to tea to celebrate Lasie's
23 - 24 awful hot again - had a good shower on 24
25 I went to Chicago to look at some sewing machines - went
to Clarenda's and had dinner - found Mrs Hickok and
Flora there - there is great quantities of fruit in the
city especially Peaches - and Plums small baskets 25 cts
27th Ida took me up to Willeys to make my annual visit
got 10 gallons vinegar it commenced to rain that night
and rained all the next day (Sunday) and Monday - Tuesday
was fair in the forenoon - in the afternoon Maggie and I

Aug - went over to Mrs Napier's but could not stay as there was a big shower coming so we hurried back as fast as we could just got in the house when the rain began to pour and I never saw it rain harder and the lightning and thunder was awful and it rained all the rest of the time I was there so could not go to Richards

Sept 2nd Etta came after me with Sam's horse the mud in the road was so deep it seemed as if we would never get through - old Dell could never get us home - I called to see Jenny Mc Quarrie's girl she is nothing but a mere skeleton will soon be through with this world which I am sorry to say

Sept 3rd It has cleared off at last but is terribly hot - succeed a quilt

Sept 7th Had my Delaine nearly quilted

Sunday 5th Very hot day went to family church in the forenoon and to Austin in the afternoon to George Dunphy baby's funeral

6 Had rain and it turned cool - 8 & 9th almost cold enough for frost

11 First frost of the season - 12th Sam and Arnett went up to Millers

15th We have had cold nights for nearly a week have slept under as many bed clothes as we did in winter - Mrs Richards and Flora came out here last Friday & 16th Zelda went to Chicago -

17th Martha went to the exposition - Jenny Marswick and Jennie Leonard slept with her - Ines came last night at 18th only

Sept 19th Mrs Richards and I went up to Richards got home 15th Minnie's Birthday Etta made a cake for her had little girls to supper - Flora and Flora got up on saturday morning in the rain then it rained so hard that Sam did not start his children Minnie Marswick Nellie and Jessie Jones did stay all night it rained most all the night so Viola and the children will not go home till next week we miss Jessie and Minnie so she could stay and make us some more good times

Nov 25th We have had a visit to see another Thanksgiving day for which I hope we were truly thankful. We had always been something to eat since we were married. We all had an invitation to go to Mrs Coats but Sara and Ella had already been invited to go to Mrs Wilcox so Sara had asked Emma Morgan and Mrs Coats to come with us. Tarbell and his wife were in the city and it would be nice to take the children to Mrs Coats as the trains were good and they might have an hour or two to stop at Mrs Coats. We were all ready to start for the depot when Mrs Coats sent word that she was sorry Mr Coats was sick and could not be with us. Mrs Coats sent word that she had a turkey for us to carve and eat in peace and sent word it was a pretty short Thanksgiving. We were very much surprised by a visit from Mrs Coats and her sister Mrs Coats. They had been to Mrs Coats to visit relatives and were on their way back to Ill. only stayed with us one night could not be persuaded to stop any longer as they had got so many visits to make

Emma Morgan married Mr Little Rock [illegible]
Nov 1st Quarterly Meeting at Pleasant Plain
to be Presiding Elder Pilgrims Progress
Dec 1st Mrs Bradley's Day 2d Mrs Carter's Day
3d Mrs Hall's Mrs Tarbell's
4th
5th

Dec 6th Could do no sewing yesterday only to cook for Jane Warwick came over this morning at 9 oclock could not make a fire in her dwelling - Geo Fuller & Jane Lee 7th 8th - I boys to cook was up at 12 very cold last night Mercury stood at 10 this morning at 8 oclock - Mr Hazel & Mr Hall & Mr Hall & Mr Hall

Jan 1st [illegible] and [illegible] to
and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

March 18th Very pleasant day heard a robin chirp in the morning and the blue birds made their appearance and it seemed as much like spring as it could with so many big snow banks —

19 Our anticipations of spring have all quickly vanished for we are having another horrible snow storm — the worst of the season only it is not cold but the wind blows fearfully, hurling the snow in monster drifts, trains are stopped Mr Churchill could not get to Ridgeland his horses got down in the snow and he had an awful time; Martha is staying with Annie and had to walk home through the storm to get thing, they needed.

20th Still blustering north wind snowed this morning, no milk train

24 weather continues cold no indications of a thaw there is a great body of snow on the ground

29 Dora Irish) Frost and little boy came to visit us she lives a Covington Nebraska — 30th 31st warm & snow

April 1st Snowy blustering day very cold at night sat in the kitchen 2d snowed some but was not so cold Dora went back to Chicago

Apr 3d Still cold and does not look or seem any more like Spring than it did last Jan Old Mrs Churchill came out on the cars said the snow banks part of the way were so high each side of the track that they could not see over them — the lanes down west of us are drifted full —

April 6th Ada and Ella went to Chicago — I went to Chicago weather quite comfortable — 10th colder again but the snow seems slowly going and does not seem to leave much water on the ground —

12th I went to Austin to see Mrs Carter who is not expected
to live it was a cold day snowed some and there were big
drifts on some of the streets I took a severe cold and
13th Poor Mrs Carter died at four o'clock this afternoon
14 Martha went to Chicago bought green dress goods for
15th Mrs Carter buried to day I was not well enough
to attend the funeral — Mrs Churchill and Rena went
21 Martha went with Churchill's down to see the river it was
never so high before — 22 Corbett brought his new organ to
25 Warmest day of the season I cleaned the kitchen Etta
Martha went to Chicago to see about sewing Machine
snow has nearly all disappeared —
April 24 Warmest day of the season first time we have
26 Nola moved in with Etta in my house —
29 Martha went to Chicago got her black Bunting dress
and carpet to cover lounge — Mrs Dunphy came out
Sunday — May 1st called in Dr Pope to see what is the
matter with my neck I have not been well for over
two weeks not since the day I went to Austin —
grass is looking quite green —
May 5 Mrs Dunphy went home
" 11th Sam and Etta moved in their own
" 14-15 turned real cold Richard's folks came down
15 took our first Buggy ride this year this morning,
May 21st Nola went to Chicago to go to Matinee with
Mrs Burroughs from Cherokee took Fanny with her
22 Clear fine day Corbett took Mr Burroughs and Etta for
a ride to Riverside —

May 12th We have had very cold nights for some time — a week frost
13 Cherokee took last this morning at 2 o'clock
14 Attended Mr Turbee's funeral
17 Rena and I went to Richards first time this year
20 Lida went to Chicago bought carpet for middle room
and oil cloth for kitchen 21 Martha and Rena went to Chicago
June 1st turned cold at night so we slept with two quilts and
woolen blanket over us — & uncomfortable cold has been for
a day or two, last [illegible] rained enough to do any good
Martha got a new cistern — 50 bbls holds 15 ftbls
June 5 Had a glorious good rain which was very much
needed as we have not had any for several weeks
7th It rained all night last so the ground is really thoroughly
soaked and it has been too cool to be comfortable the
last three or four days — June 11th Eva and Nettie came down
to make a visit Nettie went home Monday (13th)
16 Lida and her children — Martha Nettie Eva and I
went to Central Park it was the hottest day we have had
18th Eva went home 23 Martha and I went to Chicago
I stayed all night we slept at Milly's it was quite cool —
28th We had the hardest blow that we have had since we
lived in Oak Park it did no damage except to shake trees —
but ruined property and many trees were lost in the streets —
July 1st [illegible] nice day [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] staying up north [illegible] with Mrs Wade [illegible]
July 2d President [illegible] shot —
and 3d Isabell Stanton Ella Ett and the children all went up
to Villas Grove [illegible] to stay over Sunday

July 3rd Martha and I went up to Billings the first time since last Oct we stayed all night visited State Capitol to see little Jim nie Rowley from Kansas and stayed at Richards
July 17th Very pleasant comfortable day - but we have had extremely hot weather most of the time the past week I sowed lettuce Wednesday night and it was up Sat morning had a shower yesterday Will had just got the eve troughs up 15th he raised the kitchen Huckleberries (blue ones) have been in market nearly two weeks plenty of plums George Dunphy and wife came out last night to stay over Sunday 19th Ida went to Leyden to take Rena to make a visit she washed next day and at night was taken sick 21 we had the awfulest thunder storm we ever had lightning killed a great many persons in different 23 Martha and Ellie went up to Richards after Rena very comfortable day I have been staying with Ida ~~[illegible]~~
July 30 I went to Chicago ~~and~~ to see Clarenda at the Kansas Baths as she had just returned from a trip to that delightful region stayed all night, came home 31
Aug 7th Oscar Pelton and his three little girls came out there brought the sad news of Dora Irish's first death
Martha and I went over to Stevensons to get butter
8th Rena and I went to Bushin to get there
10th Clarenda came out and made us a short visit
11th Martha went to Chicago went out to Maplewood to see George Kline then went to Millers and stayed all night
the home been hot in awful hot weather Thermometer as high as 102 out doors 94 in house

Aug 11th Jeanne back to Martha's stayed with Lola
ork three weeks she is able now to be about the house
but not to do housework she has got a german girl
that can't speak a word of English —
Arthur very sick again with Diphtheria —
Ettie's baby has the summer complaint & has lost
quite much and has got Arthur's two children to care for
Aug 13 burned coal 14th to cook & to warm by
is cool day all the children went with me on a picnic
up to Tamanatus Rock is to get cucumbers &c
Aug 16 cool comfortable day Lola & Ettie went to Stoneham
Pat & me to Medford to spend the day & the night with
Lola & Mr Taylor Minnie and Darwin came to the Church &
Betty Ellis which came to Pat's in the afternoon and I went to the
started at 7 o'clock in the morning arrived at Boston 10 1/2
got a ride out to Malines, walk and ride partly by the
to look a ride around the country and to Mr Jo
Sunday (21st) went to Church in the morning Dr Peabody
most of the time while we were there they had two services
for a long time and the usual and customary collection
table was thrown to pass the last end of the first hymn
and plates were not ripe they had to pass the plates
Dr Peabody began to refuse to have it pass down —
to Medford Betty stayed with Lola and I the 24th
Pat not back a little past noon to dinner
with Lola with Lola went
Pat and I went to the
Lola & Mr Taylor

May 10th Had quite a good rain - but not enough to do much good
11th Light frost - the coldest of the season
12th Martha and I went to Richard's got a lot of apples & tomatoes
and some onions - 13th Commenced to do the fair of the Lotin - dark - rainy
14th Cold & - Some hail - and Ellen - Hemlock - Fair sure - ladies
15th It rained nearly all day - the first we have had since June 16th
16th Richard & his men all came here for the season with the cart
Total 79 Garfield died today after 11 - its a terrible suffering
20 Ella went to the Fairbanks - Rose took her baby with her -
22 Rose's sister had a girl - Chicago was visited by lightning
and several others were killed in different places - hard blow in some places
24 Many rains - 26 went to Congregational Church to farewell sermon
27 Ella sick again - had to go there and stay with her - sure
29 had an awful gale - and 30th Veranda and Julia came out -
June 1st and 2d rained nearly all day - I was taken sick
with Ella's mumps and not able to get back to Martha's until
the 10th - we have had a great deal of rain in that time
20th Ella sick yet - 23 rained hard all night and all next day
24 we heard of the death of Albert Nichols wife by inhaling chloroform enough to do
25 Martha and Rosa went to her funeral I was not well
Stirling Tilly's trick has been staying with Ella the past week
July 30 We have had a great deal of rain - the roads are awful bad
for we have not had heat enough to kill tomato vines and
the grass is green as it was in June - and is up high enough to mow
Aug 1st warm pleasant days - we thought we were going to have
a drouth sure enough - but the next day it turned cold and rained
and snowed but it melted in a short time
4th Rose again we went to Park to see Sam's treasure -
please give me and ask

9th Ett and I went to Rose K's to see the sister Hannah
Rose the last time of Ella Rich
9th a warm pretty day
10 Martha and Rena went to Chicago (day) she got
Rena winter cloak and gold chain
for 11 bad storm rained hard all day Ett started
for Ark started for Arkansas - 17 warm spring like day -
22 I went to Chicago stayed all night at Clarence's to
see how she got along with her baby - warm nice day -
23 real cold 24 colder - it is Thanksgiving day Ett
came home Tom and Ella went to
to stay till I came back and went to the theater -
Ada and her family stayed at home - Will Parsons went
hunting - Martha, Rena, Allie, and I eat dinner by
10-30 the last day it is like spring day with
showers it was
night we slept
quilt and sheet over us
Dec 3d Ett went to Chicago 7th Martha Ada Rena and Hannah
all went to Chicago Martha got her a new Dolman -
Dec 11th small snow storm 12th snow all gone Mrs Hoag
and her little girl walked down here in the mud and
started off home in the rain - warm as spring, do think
the rain did not hurt her much -
Dec 14th went to Chicago got a camels wool shawl
Dec 17th Martha went to Chicago took Allie to get new teeth but missed by
15th Margaret came down here with Mrs Rose very mild
20 warm and rainy 21st Martha and I were vaccinated
Rena was vaccinated the day before -

1881

Dec 23 Martha went to Chicago and got Christmas things among which was a willow rocking chair for unworthy me.

Dec 24 well Christmas is over and I guess it is a relief to all of us though we had a very good time and have great reason to be thankful that we have all been spared another year and a great calamity has befallen us — but there is always so much hubbub and excitement attendant through the holidays that it seem comfortable to have a rest —

We all met at Corbetts to dinner just as we loved for our meal George Dunphy and wife unexpectedly dropped in upon us, took us by surprise, Corbett, Ada, Sam and Ett had got their things on ready to start for the city to Pinafore performance so they hardly knew what to do but finally decided to go and George's folks stayed with Martha and I until five then they went to Sis's and stayed all night Aunt Lucy is quite sick is threatened [illegible] Rheumatism

[illegible] very mild [illegible] and boys 23 Martha and Mrs Fairchild went to

1882

Jan 1st We had our family gathering and dinner at Marthas and the next (Monday) we had our supper at Sams and so ended our holiday season and they have become a thing of the past like all that have gone before —

Jan 3rd The weather has been quite mild the past week we have had a holy day 11th small snow storm but the biggest of the season Snow fell to the depth of four or five inches 13th last night was the coldest of the season Corbetts called and Vienna went to Mr Emorys to social tea —

15 Pleasant comfortable days 16 cold, 17 colder, 18 coldest [illegible] in the [illegible]

1882

Jan 17-20-21 very mild - 22 most cold Ella sick Lady quite from being vaccinated 28th Pickshi Wiley came out to visit us
Feb 2d Martha and I went to Chicago she got her cashmere dress sick
3d Richard, Lucy, Nellie, and Maud, came down here
Laura Wiley also came from Chicago - Martha and Ada were down to Jenny Warwicks
Jan 30th Lecture by Edwin Lee Brown at Centenial Hall
Feb 7th Went to Methodist Church to hear Tennesseans sing
9th I went to Chicago - weather very mild Laura went back to Chicago
16th Ada went to Chicago - Julia got burned with hot tea
Feb 20 Martha went to Chicago had a very bad time as there was a cold rain all the afternoon
21 cold with some snow - Mrs Smart sick
18th Tom and Corbett Ada and Etta went to Westphalls to a Masquerade ball
22 Calico ball at Hoods Hall, and that was all —
23 Miss McCarthy came to make Martha's dress she worked on it 3 days
24 Uncle Leonard Perry came here stayed until the 27th
28 We are having a good rain the first we have had in a long time
have just had all our cisterns cleaned so are ready for it
March 1st-2d warm and just as pleasant days as ever was made
2d Martha, Pierce and I attended a Sociable at Mr Ingalls
7-8th quite cold with flurries of snow
14th I went to Chicago called at Bettons - Stayed all night at Mrs Edwards had a soft mushy snow storm
18th Have had stormy weather the last three days
March 24 had quite a snow storm but it soon melted off
25 Ada went to Chicago to get her teeth filled - had a Thunder Shower - 27 Ada went again to have her teeth fixed —

March 30 Martha and Ida went to Chicago called at Pl[illegible]s
Clark Farewell came here the 26th and stayed all night.
April 1st very warm pleasant day let our fires go out.
April 3 Ida went to Chicago to the Dentist again Clarence
" 4th Ida Fannie and I went to Chicago and went up to Universal Exposition
" 8th Easter, cold damp day at night it was so cold it froze
" 9 very cold just like a winter day
" 13 Martha, Etta, Rena, Ollie, and I all went to Unity Church Supper
" 16 The weather has been real cold the past week it has froze hard every night yesterday (15th) we took a ride for the first time this year, we went to Austin to buy shoes for Rena cold & windy
April 8th Richards folks all down here Rena wore her green dress for the first time Easter Sunday.
Apr 17th wonderfully fine day, warm and pleasant, we all worked out doors nearly all day Ida and I set the Pie plant in new place trimed bushes and done various other jobs.
Martha cleaned her woodshed. 18 Cloudy and quite hard thunder shower at night. Tornado in Missouri Brownsville nearly destroyed seven persons killed and a great number hurt.
19 rain with high wind. 20 went to Unity Church Guilds
21st Awful cold with some snow and very heavy rain high wind
23d Martha and I went to Unity Church to hear the Balch preach
27 We attended the funeral of Mrs Marks.
May 1st very pleasant day but cold we slept in woolen blankets with two quilts and comforter over us and have done so for the past week
I called to see Rose Rattlestring she is very sick with measles
Will commenced work on my barn last Sat (30th inst)

May 4th Weather quite warm, but towards night it grew very dark we thought we should have a hurricane or hail storm but did not have either but the wind got around North in a hurry and turned suddenly cold – 5 cold rain from North & cabin 10th Mrs Smart and Etta went to Chicago to see Uncle Tom's room May 8 – 9 warm and summer like, let the fire go out in my 13 cold drizzly rain, so cold we slept in woolen blankets with two quilts and comforter over us – made fire again in my room Martha Rena and I went to Chicago to see Uncle Tom play the well May 15 very cold froze ice thickness of window glass in tub by . . . Put Doll in pasture for the first time this year May 14 Irving Moore drowned in Lake in Minnesota 18th We attended his funeral he was buried just at sun-set in forest Home 20th I painted our Buggy – 23 very cold slight flurry of snow – hauled out our woolen blankets again last night – 24 I went to Chicago to visit Willey's folks it rained towards night 25 – 26 very cold and chilly 27 rained all day 28th (Sunday) Margaret and I went to the Exposition building to Soldiers memorial service, in the eve to Martines Hall to hear Spiritualists speak – 29 came home 30 Alda, her children, Rena Allie and I all went to Forrest Home Cemetery for a ride – 31 so cold slept in woolen blankets again – June 1st came in quite fine – county folks had their paper fair and strawberry festival – I planted cucumbers – 2d – 3d cold rain – 6th Martha went to Chicago, called at Willeys and stayed until afternoon dinner then went to Hartleys and had her picture taken – 6 – 7th pleasant warm and comfortable –

came went to [illegible] to a viable. [illegible] and it turned to cold [illegible] but a regular Danielober weave
13th Marthea went to Iowa [illegible] 19 so cold we slept in woolen blankets
17th awful Tornado in Iowa Town of Grinell nearly destroyed
19 Marthea got home from Ind Lola took the children to Chicago to have their Photos they went to the Donalds gallery -
George Dunphy and wife came out Saturday and stayed until Sun
22d another Tornado in Iowa weather extremely hot
June 24 Marthea and Etta went to Chicago very hot day and we had an awful thunder storm and heavy rain it just poured down out west of us they had hail storms and in Western Iowa another Tornado doing much damage and several lives were lost
25 Will, Rena, and Allie, went to the circus -
28 very heavy rain 29 Lola her children and Rena went to Chicago to have their pictures taken - at night had an awful thunder storm - rain came down in torrents no traveling for the mud - corn nearly drowned out -
July 1st I went to Chicago - 2d 3d had rain -
4th clear and pleasant, but too cool to be comfortable we invited Richards folks to come and spend the fourth with us but we have had so much rain the roads were so bad they did not come but our own family all got together at Lola's and had dinner and spent the afternoon in playing croquet it was an uneventful quiet dull independence day - we all had supper and then walked around to see the fireworks, but there was not much to see but were thankful that we had all been spared another year and were permitted to spend the day together, it may be the last, the Lord only knows where we will all be another year

July 7th Had another heavy rain Cherries spoiling on account of it so much wet they were just ripe enough to make pies the 4th but not
9 Carlett, Ida, Sam and Ell to Chicago to George Dunphy's took them some cherries - rained awful hard at night -
12 Sam and Ella went to Geneva take in Mason excursion -
13 picked cherries - it rains almost every day our currants are nearly all rotting, 11th Martha Rena and I attended
Hoar Mary McGyawn's funeral - very fine day there was a large attendance - 14th Cherries nearly all gone many spoiled in the trees
15 rain again - 16 more rain 17 18 Very pleasant days,
Mrs Hore from Leyden called to see us -
19th Martha and I went to Chicago on Dummy first time she went to Hartty's had her picture taken over -
21 Went to Central Park to take Ella and Rena to go to Chicago took all the children, very pleasant day -
24 Ell and Rena came home - baby sick
25 Josephine and I went to Leyden to Mrs Draper's to get butter to Mary Whites to give her some money called to see Mrs Napier and also to Fred Willey's -
July 26th Hottest day of the season
" 27 cracking thunder shower and glorious good rain
" 28 Rena went to Chicago with Matilda Fangultz
" 29 they went for a ride to Penny Norwich - real cool
Aug 1st Ida went to Chicago - rained awful hard after she got some
" 2nd I went to Chicago to draw the money Hemmeway owed me
Rickyland lots sold at last -
Aug 8th 9th has rained every day but one so far the last week we picked the last of our raspberries the last day of July and picked a few ripe blackberries the first day of Aug - Ida sick

Aug 9th Cloudy. Pic nic at Central Park - slight sprinkle
" 10th Sam, Etta, George Dunphy and wife went up to McKay
Carrie McComber came here only just stayed to dinner -
" 12 Martha Rena and Allie went up to Richards for the first time this year
" 15 Hard shower of rain Kitty and Harry at Nola's -
" 18 Had quilting for myself - had Mrs Gogler Mrs Hanson,
Mrs Brewster Josephine, and Mrs Churchill, besides our own family and Mother G.
20th Corbett, Sam, Nola, Etta and the children went for a ride
called at Mr Norwoods, and then went to Harvey Kennatts
22 Nola, Etta, and Fannie went to Chicago - heavy rain at night
24 Rena and I went up to Richards to stay stay a few days
Sister Dunphy there the same day - Eura and I went to see Aunt Debbie
25 Mrs D Rena and I went to Norwood, called at Mr Kline's
and to Mrs Chapman's to wait for a shower to go over but
we started on thinking we might get home before it came but
we had not gone far before the rain came pouring down and
drove us into Mr Hemingways for shelter -
26 We went down to Mr Drapers to get butter -
27 Richards folks, Mrs D, and Rena all went to Camp meeting
I stayed with Aunt Eura; and had a very good visit with her
28th We came home early in the morning as School commenced that day
29 Etta thirty fourth Birthday we did not do anything in
particular to celebrate it I gave her a picture of herself when
she was ten years old - 30 We had an awful heavy rain it just
poured - Our Blackberries are not entirely gone yet -
Martha Pears were not good for anything this year the
tree was very full but they all cracked open and spoiled
so there was not one fit to eat

Sept 1st and 2d We had rain - 3d Martha and Allie went to Chicago brought home some Peaches - Albert Hickok came to see - Sept 4th My 66th Birthday - rode old Dolly to pasture bare back - went to Etta's and stayed most all day, busied myself in patching clothes for the children - came home and cut weeds awhile in the garden - in the eve all my family big and little assembled at Martha's and surprised me with an Ice Cream supper to celebrate the day - a compliment that I felt was entirely undeserved -

Sept 6th Mr and Mrs Corbett came from Iowa on a visit Ada has not been able to do any thing for the past week -

5 Martha and I went to Chicago - 11th I rode to Chicago in Buggy with Sam and Mrs Corbett - bought Renee Bedstead I stayed a short time at Willey's - Sister Dumpy came out to Etta's and stayed three or four days

Sept 14th Ada and Mrs Corbett went to Chicago, and Sam and Etta went to the Exposition - Martha and I went over the river to Mrs Stenards took Lulie and baby with us -

Sept 17th Eugenia Hafner was thrown from a Buggy and killed

" 18th Hottest day of the season - slept without any thing over me

" 19 We attended E Hafners funeral - at night it turned real cold

" Mr and Mrs Corbett and I went to Mrs Brewsters the evening and spent

22 Mrs Corbett and I went to Maywood and when we came back went to old Mr Kettlestrings collected money enough to pay Mrs Colemans rent -

23 We went to the Cemetery, Mrs Corbett, Ada, and the children

27 Mr and Mrs Corbett started for their home in Iowa

Sept 28 Martha & Ida, her children and myself all went up to Rush
30th Etta and I went to Austin to get onions
Oct 1st Fine pleasant warm day went to Trinity Church
4th Martha and I went to the Exposition - Martha took her castor at Giles's - 6th I went to Chicago to visit with Mrs Reuben Garrison and Mrs Reynolds her sister in law from Gouverneur
8th Martha and I went up to Leyden to hear Mr Reade preach but did not hear him but in stead heard a Mr Russell and it rained all the way home - and had to work hard a day cleaning our Buggy - so think we paid dear for the notion
Oct 10th Eva Halstead and husband came here from Indiana stayed two nights. Martha and Rena went to Chicago with them and they all went up to Lincoln Park
13th We had a hard shower last night with thunder & lightning
14th Martha and I went down to look at Mr Maniere's house
15th Richard, Lucy, Maude, and Eddie came down here
16 Rained all day - 19 had the first hard frost - brought in pumpkins
Fannie has been quite sick the last three days with fever and rash
23rd Corbett started for Missouri - rained -
24 Ida and I went to Austin to get onions - warm day
30 Heavy rain and big thunder shower -
31 Martha cleaned shed and picked green tomatoes for pickle
Mr Gurly married to Mary Case - fine, warm, pleasant day
Nov 1st I went to Chicago called at Clarenda's - went to Geary Bros Dry Goods and stayed all night - also went to Alberts
4th Lucy and Maude came down here and she and Martha went to Chicago - it rained but Richard came after Lucy and took her home and we were in hopes he would not come and we would have a good visit with her -

Nov 9th Adda and Rena went to Chicago Adda bought her Dalman paid $16 00 for it Rena got Feather cape -
11th very warm day rained at night and turned quite cool - Etta and Rena went for a ride to Maywood road very [illegible]dy
Nov 14 Sam and Corbett went to Missouri stayed until 22nd Corbett bought a farm - 20 I was a little sick and the girls sent for Dr Pope, dollar and half out to help fill his plethoric pocket
Nov 25 Martha and Rena went to Chicago - had our first snow storm at night it fell about four inches deep - Mr Churchill moved out of my house into his own -
27th Mr Eyres moved in my house - Adda Fannie, Tutie, and I went to Chicago - nice comfortable day -
Dec 7th Martha Rena and Etta went to Town
Dec 6th turned awful cold - Anna McGann died to day -
" 7 very cold had all we could do to keep warm -
Nov 30th Thanksgiving we all met to Idles probably the last time we shall ever all be together Thanksgiving day - before another year rolls arround some of them will be gone from us -

Dec 15 I went to the City - very cold day it has been pretty cold the past week 17 a little more snow
Dec 18 Martha's Birthday she had Mr and Mrs Eyers to supper
19 rained and froze so slipery can hardly walk a step -
22 has been cloudy and dull for the past week rained two days snow nearly gone sun has not shone for a week
24 bright sunny day Corbett and Adda went to Church and I stayed with the children

Dec 25 very mild - snowed all the forenoon rained a little the afternoon our family all assembled at Sam's for our Christmas dinner and supper - it was anything but a merry ~~time~~ time with us as we thought that before another Christmas our family circle would be broken and scattered, and the dear bright little ~~faces~~ faces will be missing, and their innocent prattle will be heard no more, and my house will be left unto me desolate, O how can I live to see them all go away and leave me - I had flattered myself that we had all got settled down to live here together at least during my life time - false hope - vain delusion - they could not wait untill I am gone

Dec 28 Martha and Rena went to Chicago Rena had two teeth taken out by Dr Rimmer

Dec 30 Mrs Fitz Patrick and family came out to spend N. Years

1883

Sam and Etta went to the city to spend the day at G Dumphy

Jan 6 Ada had quilting 11 had two comforters tied and all made - we have a few very cold days - 12 below zero - 9th 10 12th snow storm - 13th Will and Martha - Carlett and Ada went over to Ella to supper - Thomas and Jenny were there Rena and I stayed with the children and made Molasses candy just as we had got it done we were very much surprised ~~by~~ by the appearance of Sister Dumphy

16th heaviest snow storm of the season - no wind with it there is snow enough to make fine sleighing

19 Pretty cold weather Sister D went home to day

Jan 22d – very cold – we went to Hoard's Hall to Carbell concert
" 23–24– Extremely cold – 23 degrees below zero the coldest weather (I think) that we have had since since the memorable New Year's of 1867 – and all these awful cold days Ada has been helping to pack up their goods to be sent off to Missouri – they were carried to Chicago the 23–
25– Weather a little more mild quit comfortable to what it has been
Thomas Jenny Sam Ell Corbett and Ada all spent the evening at Martha's had Oyster supper –
Mr McManus moved in my house to day –
Corbett and Ada went to Chicago to the Home of the Friendless to get a boy to take to Missouri with them
27 Ada and Fannie went to Chicago to see Corbett off to Missouri
28 very pleasant and mild we thought we would go up to Richard's but made a failure we ran around to get a sleigh went to nine different places then was obliged to take Churchill's little sleigh and eleven of us packed into it like sardines in a box so we could not stir an inch, we started off in high feather but soon came to a dead halt found we could go no further as the roads were blocked with snow – so turned about went down to Magnus', then across the Prairie then down to Maywood then came home, and here we will have to stay I suppose until next summer –
Jan 29 very pleasant Pulaski and Margaret came out here
" 30 turned c – 31 Margaret went home – awful cold
Feb 1st still very cold 2d another big snow storm
" 4 Richard and Lucy came down to give us an invitation to Eva's wedding –

Feb 8th Adda and I went to Chicago got an awful cold as well as several other things – Presents for Eva &c
13th was a lovely day – mild, clear, and beautiful, –
14 Dark, gloomy, dismal day – fog so thick we could hardly see an inch before our noses, nevertheless we all went to a wedding but had an awful tedious time getting there had to go through the fields driven around by the old Pardee fellow was two hours and a half getting there the same coming home and I was sick as a horse before I got home concluded it did not pay to go to weddings
anyway
Feb 15 it rained all night. so much water we can not get
" 19 Adda and the children gone to Ettie's to stay a few days
21 Martha and I went to see Mrs Boney called to see Mrs Welch in her new house
Feb 23 Will got his cow from Stanwards —
" 27 Adda and Elena went to Chicago
March 1st Adda and I went to Chicago got the children's pictures taken warm fine day — snow not all gone
March 5th Dear Adda left us to day for her home in Missouri and a sad day it was for us to see her and the children go off so far from home and friends and poor little Julie did not want to go and cried so hard all the way to the Depot and Fannie too – it is a shame that family ties must be severed and we must all be made unhappy for the caprice of man
12th Mr Napier called to see us
13 – 14 very warm fine days – robins, and blue birds have come wild geese are flying and it seems real like spring

March 14th turned cold as greenland last night- have been shivering all day- but at night the wind went down so it was more comfortable- Sam Etta Martha and I went to Hoards Hall to hear Dr Thomas lecture —
16 continues cold has been snowing 20th wind N N E
Martha and I went down to Mr Brown's -
25 Easter Sunday - Went to Unity Church and to the new Episcopal Church - 27 Etta went to Chicago got Brocaded satin skirt 89 cts a yd got eight yards -
28 ground covered with snow - but it soon melted off -
29 more snow it fell about two inches on - Kittie came out to see Fannie and Rena - stayed 3 nights
31 We have had no bad storms in March but it has been cold and uncomfortable — with E or N E winds
April 1st clear and cold went to Unity Church -
3rd Went to Chicago to have Fannie's picture taken we stayed two nights at Willey's called to see Clarenda paid her the three dollars for the cupboard —
5th it rained nearly all day and Fannie and I trudged all day in the mud - she got cold and I got very tired so did not get over it for a week —
6th we had quite a snow storm.
7th quite warm melted the new snow all off - but there are still banks of old snow and ice on the north side our buildings, and at the present time 15th there is a lot of ice in our cistern - it has been very warm most of the time the past week - but last night we had a heavy shower and it turned cold and cold wind —

Feb 11th Rather mild here, it was not quite so mild as it was the day before — but they had to walk in the mud — the ice on the street where they had put through the water a short time and six horses —
Sunday 15th I am getting better — nothing more than — Mon 22d weather quite mild yesterday and to day — it thawed some on the south side of the house I moved to the last piece of the first time and sick Feb 24th moved in the new house weather quite mild Julius helped us move he is a capital hand at it don't know how we would ever get moved without him Monday March — weather much colder all glad of a day of rest — all but Will he does not think he needs rest very much for he never rested a finger to help move a single thing Martha and Rena have worked very hard all the week and have not yet things straightened yet — it will take a good while to get settled and have it seem like home —
March 4th Aunt Lucy and Josie came over in the p.m. to see us in the new house — snow is gradually melting away — it thaws out some days and chilly and freezes quite cold again have had two spring snow storms — 13th weather more mild but still not warm enough to take the stoves up very fast — 14th Martha and I went to Chicago for the first we have been there in over six months —

March 19th Bought Sirrel the Shetland pony & Harness 18th Patsy
visited the Dog Pet Stock Co. Rena & Carrie & Will went for
March 20th weather has been real cold for a week past
In fact it has been regular winter weather, they have
first got the new carpets put down in the two parlors.
March 23d Rena had birthday party
" 24 went to grace Church in the forenoon and
to Hoards Hall in the afternoon in the evening to hear lecture
on Dante - 27th went to Congregational Church to school
exhibition Maggie Sommerman got the first prize
Mamie Bothwick the second
28 painted floor in kitchen and stairs in Churchill house
March 31 Mr Bailey moved some of his things in into
March this cow had dead calf —
April 2d Rena and I went to Chicago & called to see
Mrs Hickok then tried to find George D's but could
not then went to Millers Rena stayed one night
at Hattie's and one at Clarinda's then Hattie came
home with her April 6th Rena went to Town and
got her new Market cloak - 8th real cold again —
April 12th have had quite a snow storm to day enough
to make the ground white - John came from Hazelton
last night he took Rena to the rink The next day
they went to Rose's to dinner - 13 snow all melted
14th Snowed all day - 15th it nearly all went off —
16 It rained night and all the next day —
Sat 19 Irena Thurlees came to stay until after the
Carnival

1903

April 19 Martha & Rena went to Chicago
20th Rena came home from Chicago
22nd Rena went to Chicago
23rd Martha came home from Chicago
24th Rena came home from Chicago
25th Martha went to Chicago
26th Martha came home from Chicago
27th Rena went to Chicago
28th Rena came home from Chicago
29th Martha went to Chicago
30th Martha came home from Chicago

May 1st Rena went to Chicago
2nd Rena came home from Chicago
3rd Martha went to Chicago
4th Martha came home from Chicago
5th Rena went to Chicago
6th Rena came home from Chicago
7th Martha went to Chicago
8th Martha came home from Chicago
9th Rena went to Chicago
10th Rena came home from Chicago
11th Martha went to Chicago
12th Martha came home from Chicago
13th Rena went to Chicago
14th Rena came home from Chicago
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might stay with Mrs Fitz Patrick

May 28th Brother Ida, Eva Abigail, and Hyde went to see the Panorama of the battle of Gettysburgh — 29 had heavy rain June 2d Had an awful thunder shower the heaviest we have had in years, it just came down in torrents, Missouri fashion Mr Little buried to day

June 6th We all went to Lincoln Park, then down to State street, Ida and the children went up to Lakeside to stay over Sun June 7th Hot windy day, Rena went up to John's Mother's to dinner Ida stayed two nights at Fitz's and one night with the Willeys called to see J Dunphys, to Roberts to see Mr and Mrs. H Foster Dunphy and to Clarendons and Santa Monroes, and in her rounds was led 10th Ida the children and I went up to Ingleside stayed at Eva's had dinner, then went to Richards and stayed all night, good road and very pleasant weather —

June 12th Corbett very unexpectedly made his appearance he stayed until Mon 15th when they all left us for their home in Missouri and Rena with the rest, O how lonely and miserable we will when they were gone and how we miss the dear little chatterers and we may never see their bright little faces again in this world and perhaps not in another —

19th Had a very heavy rain — 21 another rain storm —

Mon 22d I went to Chicago paid Assessment, and Norwood Tax called at Humane office, weather quite cool —

24th Martha Allie and I went to see Daisy (Cal) stopped on the way and picked wild strawberries enough for supper

26 I went to Chicago to School Exibition at Union Park Tabernacle Lizzie Bothwick graduated —

June 27 [illegible] took Charlie and Percy to get rid
" 28 went to church in the first time since last Sept
Sola grey was taken into the church and eight others were sprinkled
29th Millie and I went up to Sayers field after strawberries
30th Mrs Myall went to the same place and for the same purpose
had our first green peas - are buying strawberries 5 cts a box
July 4th We stayed home and worked all day - Martha was
picking worms from the currant bushes most of the day
5th Martha and I went up to Eva's to see if her babies had
the whooping cough, found they had we stopped on the
way back and picked strawberries -
July 10th bought our last strawberries - 12th Elliots came out here get cherries -
" 14th Mrs Smart and Sophia started for Missouri very fine
day until just at night had a thunder shower - Mrs Bishop
cherries for Martha on shares -
15th Mrs Mulligan her son and baby arrived here from Ireland
16 very hot and windy - 18th Mrs M and Martha went to Chicago on excursion
19th awful hot day - 20 Mrs Mulligan started for home -
23 quite a heavy rain 27 Mrs Kennedy picked the last of our cherries
28th Hottest day of the season - great storm at night in different places
30 very hot weather, but I went to Chicago, did not seem as hot
as it does at home, stayed all night at Wilders -
Aug 1st quite a comfortable day Martha a boarder (a Mr Paine)
" 2d night great rain storm all over the country much
damage done in various places, but no particular hurt in this
vicinity only a great deal of hay was nearly spoiled -
Aug 4 has been cooler since the great rain - went out riding
took Mrs Coleman's girls and Percy Myall

1885
Some heavy rain showers all the last week - Sickness in the city
our currants to day May 11-12 very hot nights for most every thing.
13-14 I rested that tired quilt and woolen blanket over me
camp meeting commenced the 13th at Desplaines —
14 took Millie Charlie and Percy for a ride to the cemetery
16 Mrs Myall and I went for a ride to Galwood came home
by Mont Clare called at Mr Booths very fine day
Aug 21 Martha and I went to Chicago, she had four teeth taken out
" 22 Had an awful heavy rain and 23 had another and
the lightning was fearful 24 turned quite cool —
25-26 real cold Mr Myall and family went to Lincoln Park
Aug 27th Martha and I went to Chicago. bought Organ —
Aug 29 Had more rain 30 Mrs Myall and I went for a ride
down on Madison street across the river and back by Maywood
Sept 3d I went to Chicago bought some things to send to Missouri by G. Dumphy
8th heavy rain 9th still raining - roads very muddy —
12 I went to Town to go to the old settlers meeting - but
failed to get there, went to see Mr Hickok and Mrs
Coleman then went up to Mrs Taggarts —
Sept 16th Mrs Hickok came out here to make her last visit we are going to Dakota
17 Millie Martha, and Lillie went to the Fair, and
I attended Mrs Tunnards funeral —
Sept 25th Mrs Hickok went back to Chicago - we Mrs H and I
went down to the cemetery in the forenoon
27th Martha and I went to Maywood to Mr Johns, took little Bessie
Oct 2d Martha Millie and went up to Richards stayed all night
" 5th Martha went to Chicago had teeth filled
" 6 Mrs Dickey came here stayed two nights —
10th Flora came out to make her farewell visit to Dakota before going

Oct 7th Had our last visit — 13th Flora went back to Chicago
12th I took Frank to Boards Hall to hear Jessie & others
" 15th Martha bought of Mrs Bear carpet — stove — cane chair
Bedstead — kitchen table — wash bowl — Pitcher — 1 Sp. wash bowl
16 Mrs Myall and I went to Chicago — I got 9 lb fine butter 1.35
Went up to J Dumphy's stayed all night — went to Alberts
to see Hickoks then to Dumphy's to stay over night then
went to hear Mr Brushingham in the morning and to the
Christian Church in the afternoon to Clarenda's stayed
all night and came home in a big rain storm —
20th Martha went in Town to see Hickoks, found Delongs
very sick so they could not start for Dakota as they had
intended but they got off the 27th at 1 Oct at 11.30 A.M.
arrived at Alpena at 7.30 the 28th all safe and sound
25th Mr Webster preached his farewell sermon in Unity C
30th rainy day 31 started fire in my room — Will got Carl home
Nov 6 It has been rainy most all the week — roads very bad
" 15 Martha and went up to Jim McGaws got 10 lb of
butter from Sarah road awful rough and weather cold
16 much warmer and very pleasant day Martha and
I went to Chicago I got brown Empress dress 25 cts yd
Martha got her Felt bonnet
Nov 21 Had quilting uncommon fine day Doll out to
grass nearly all day — Aunt Lucy and Josie here
and then Pulaski and Laura came out —
Nov 22 ~~Sun~~ cold chilly day Mr Chapin preached in Unity
Church but it was such a miserable day would not go —
23 Had flurries of snow but melted as fast as it came down

28d (Sun) 1885
Will finished saying hard wood floor and he and Martha
oiled it- 29th in warm day went to visit church a
stranger from the city preached- had Dedication
in 24th went to Chicago- Dec 2d Mrs Myall and I went to Drummon
Dec 4th Richards wife and Eva came down here it was a
very comfortable day- but at night turned cold with hi
wind and we had our first snow storm just enough to cover the ground
Dec 6th pretty cold day- at night was 10 degrees below zero
7th quite mild 8th got so warm that it rained all night
9th had a thunder shower in the morning; and before night turned cold-
12th Etta and Rena arrived from Abo they took us by surprise had more snow
as we did not expect them untill the next week we were
just eating breakfast and did not see them untill they entered
into the room, but it good surprise for us, though not me
Richard John and his man were butchering the pigs and
of course every thing in confusion and disorder—
17 I went down to Mrs Bathwicks weather very mild sleighing good
18th Sam arrived from Missouri—
Dec 24 have had a big rain- last all our sleighing—
" 25 green grass Christmas- Mrs Myall and Martha
formed plans in getting up dinner together had it at
Martha's as she had the most room also had supper
all together had a very agreeable time nothing in partic
ular to mar our pleasure, only missing the absent ones
and the thought that probably we shall never all meet
again in this world- O if we could only know that
we should meet beyond the river and know each
other there and they would be the same to us, it would not
be so hard to part.

1885

Dec 26 We were all up to Thomas's to dinner —
Jan 27th All were at Aunt Lucy's to dinner, 11 sisters
talks came while we were there —
28-29 t. cloudy, dark, dismal, days rained all last night
June 1886
Jan 1st The sun shone bright for the first time in a
week, weather very mild but notwithstanding the
comfortable day, we did not seem to enjoy as we ought
when Sam and Ett were with us and may never
be with us another New Years day — they had dinner
with Mrs Myall — Martha had a bad headache
so she could not sit up — Mrs Smart sick in bed —
Jan 2nd dull cloudy day Sam and Etta went to Chicago
to visit friends there, and I went the 4th and
we all stayed until the 9th head quarters at Dunphys,
while I was gone they had poor old Dolly shot —
under the sod, so she will make no more trouble
for any one but I have kept her long, and used
her well have no regrets on that score — wish I could
feel that I had always treated my children as kindly
as I have her, but it seemed hard to have her
killed when she was perfectly well, and sound, and
could eat anything as well as ever she could —
10 · 11 12 very cold weather 14 dgs below zero —
Jan 13th Mrs Myall Sam and Ett went in Chicago to Thanks —
" 15th they started for home, dear Etta has again left us and we know
not that we shall ever see her face again —
Jan 21 Martha went to Chicago, bought curtain for her parlor door —

1884

Jan 23d Intense cold 22 degrees below zero had a very snow storm the 19th
Jan 31 A week has passed since writing in this book nothing has occured worthy of note have had moderately cold weather sleighing good—
Feb 6 The past week has been very cold one day was 22 below 0
8-9 two lovely spring like days
13th The last five days has been dark, dismal, for days rained hard last night snow nearly all gone—
Feb 29th turned real cold—
March 1st Father and Mr Woodard calsomined and painted the ceilings in two rooms in Rings
March 3d Mr Bailey's moved out of my house
" 24 Martha first quilt on and she and Rena and I quilted it in two days and half
March 6 Rena and I been house cleaning
" 14th been all the past week cleaning Bailey's last had ceilings painted in two rooms Kitchen papered and calsomined west chamber floor painted also seat and stairs
15th Mr Woodard's baths moved in
16 Martha and I went to Chicago to hear Sam Jones preach but did not hear him but heard Sam Small 18 Martha, Rena, Anna Francis, and Rose went in town to hear Sam Jones very warm
It so warm thought I would have to set my fire out but managed to get through the day by opening windows
20th turned cold wind N.E. and a fire necessary
Anna Francis Hamilton and husband stayed here all night the 18th

March 21 Morning day rainy but mild as spring
" 25 Sat on fence & quilt until noon & rejoiced the next day I sent Lucy and Loleta home and helped us get it off weather pretty cold
Sun 28 cold windy disagreeable day -
" 29 went to hear Mr Leonard lecture
30 - 31 cold and stormy, rain and snow
April 4th The last week has been regular winter weather snow on the ground - freezes hard every night and does not thaw much day time - Martha and I went to see the California fruit show last Friday (Mar 2d) but it was no great things after all - Rena went to see Kittie yesterday
Monday 5th Rena came home and Martha went up to Jenny's weather clear but pretty cold - Wed fine day - Thurs still better pleasant and warm, birds sing and it seems like spring
Tuesday April 11th rainy day - 15th rained very hard
16 windy rainy day, Martha and Rena cleaned pantry
Sunday 18th very fine day Rena and I went to hear Miss Chapin preach, it the first time in the we went to hear Mr Vandevelde
Mon 19th Rena taken sick, high fever sore throat, weather warm Charlie Wyatt been very sick over a week -
Thurs 22d Rena better Dr Hope came to see her three times weather very warm for this time of year grass up big enough for cattle to get their living if they could be allowed to do so - gooseberries and currants nearly in blossom - we set out pies yesterday about the middle of Mar - the 25th it turned so cold had to make fire

are very scarce Peas will be enough to go out washing
[illegible] 24 I went to Chicago stayed all night at Charendon
[illegible] were taken to the asylum —
May 9th had a heavy thunder storm last night
" 11 I went to Chicago, stayed all night at Kelleys —
Margaret was here about two weeks ago
May 14-15th heavy rains 16 so cold had coat suit with
bed quilt and thick comforter over me had got
moved in the front chamber to let a boarder have
my room but rain sent him off and moved back again
May 17th Rena and Addie went to Chicago to have their
pictures taken — very pleasant day —
18th Martha went to Chicago (bought three boxes of strawberries
for 25c each) Aunt Lucy and Josie here in the evening
got news of the death of old Mr Brewster —
Charlie Wyatt has now been sick over four weeks is better
but still unable to walk —
19th very pleasant day — tomorrow I expect to have once
more to visit — so no more in this book for a long time
May 20th left Chicago, arrived in Trenton early next morning
found Jane and Etta waiting for me, went to Corbetts, Jane
went home, Etta stayed all day, Sunday night (23) went to Jane's
to stay all the week — Thurs 27th they picked enough strawberries for a short cake
weather has been pretty warm all the time since I have been here
have had no rain which is much needed, have plenty of gooseberries
Sat 29th went back to Corbetts Sun 30th we all went to Trenton
to Soldiers memorial service —
a May 30th had green peas and new potatoes for dinner

Tues
June 1st had a big mess of peas and new potatoes for dinner – I canned a very little in the morning – in the afternoon all went to Lamie's had strawberries for supper, and I stayed Wed and Thursday picked gooseberries, Friday Ett canned them in the forenoon, in the afternoon we went to Pelton's visiting – Sat 5th had a big mess of strawberries, Happy was there and had a good feast the first she had ever had in Mo she stayed all night, and Sunday the Corbetts all came and had strawberries for supper again –

Mon June 7th Sam and Ett picked early cherries, and I pitted as many as I could while they were picking, next morning she canned them – Thurs Mrs Harris came visiting, and Ett stripped her strawberrie bed thinking to give her a treat and while she was eating them, said they had enough so she had put up 7 qts, Ett was mad to think she had scrabed around in the hot sun to get enough for supper, and had never thought of preserving one

June 10 Etta took me over to Corbetts, awful hot day – at night we thought we were going to have rain by the looks of the clouds, and did not know what else we might have, Ida got the children down stairs, I was up and dressed watching the clouds, but we were more scared than hurt, there was more wind than water, and not enough of either to do any hurt or good – Wed 16th had quite a good little shower, but the ground being so dry, it did not seem to do any good – Ett came in the afternoon, and I went home with her and the next day we went to Mrs Harris's to dinner –

Sun June 20th went back to Ida's and stayed until Wed (23d) went back to Etta's Ada picked cherries 21st and 22d) Etta picked the last of her white currants the 25th of June – they were the best I ever tasted – 26 we had another little shower, but not enough to hardly lay the dust, or do any good to growing crops or gardens –

Jan 1886

[illegible] to Trenton [illegible] to [illegible] Fair Ground
home to eating then the [illegible] and [illegible] Harris and I to
to time and I went home with Lola— Monday 2d a came over here & k
brought a lot of letters— July 1st Etta came over to Corbetts and take
went home with her until Sat 3d when we all went down in Sams
woods to celebrate the 4th there was Mr and Mrs Nannatta Mr and
Mrs Wise two children and a Miss Lady— Pelton and family— Corbett
and family— Scales do— Mrs Harris and son, myself and nobody—
[illegible] July — latest and warmest day we have had this year; nigh
wind and hot as if it come from the [illegible] regions all garden
vegitables scorched and dried up, what is not devoured by worms
and bugs— stayed at Lolas from the 4th until the 11th went to
Trenton the 10th to see the circus parade then went to Sam's—
July 13 hotest day I ever saw wind S W but hot as the breath of a furnace
towards evening away all N E which cooled the air and made the
night comfortable— Wed 14th cool North wind —
Sat 17th— all went to Trenton to hear Sam Jones preach— Sunday and
Monday Sam and Ett— Tuesday 20th we all went again heard
Mr Tobeisca a Polander speak, awful hot weather all the time
and no rain yet— went home with Ett and stayed until
Sunday then went to Lola and stayed two nights then went
to Ettas and stayed till Mrs Smart came July 31—
Sunday Aug 1st Corbetts all came over to Sam's to see Mrs Smart
and I came home with them— Sat the day Mrs Smart came
it rained about 15 or 20 minutes, but in an hour you would
not know by the looks of the ground that we had had any rain
Thurs 5th had another little shower just about the same —
Sat 7th Sam and Ett went to Trenton brought me a letter
from Savina— Fannie went home with them and stayed
all night to go to Sunday School with Mr Lobers folks

Mon Aug 11th We all went to 1884 Trenton to the Soldiers reunion
I went home with Ett stayed until Tuesday 15th Thurs and
Friday were the hottest days I ever know, that is the hot winds
were the worst it seemed as if we could hardly live the chairs
were so hot that it was like sitting on a hot stove, the bed
was so hot could not stay in it had to get out on the floor -
close by a window and then was almost suffocated, Sam tried
the bed could not stand that, went out on the upper porch
that was not much better, then went out and laid on the
hammock until the latter part of the night when it
commenced to rain and it kept on a good part of the forenoon
(Sat 14th) more fell than at any one time within a year - which
very much revived the hopes of the farmers - but for that glorious
good rain they would have had no corn - Ett caught a bbl
of water in the house where it run down between the buildings,
and tubs, and pails full - I never was so glad to rain before -
Fri 13th Sam and Etta went to see the Shams battle but did
not see much it was so awful hot and dusty they could not
drill or do anything (that was before the rain)
Aug 17th had another pretty good shower with thunder,
lightning, and considerable wind -
Aug 18-19th weather much cooler so it is very comfortable -
" 25th rode over to Etta's horseback, but did not like it much -
to day
Thurs 26 It has been very hot all the week, George and Fan came
Sun 29th went over to stay with Mrs Smart and the children -
so Susie Ett and the Dunphy could go galivanting around

the first trip was to Trenton 1886 to fish in Grand river but did not get as much as a polly wog - next went to Rural Dale - the next day took a long ride to Farnamville the next day all went to spend the day at Corbetts, I for the children cooked half a doz little fishes that Sam and George caught in the creek the day before they had the table set with their little dishes and sat by themselves and thought they had a wonderful nice time - weather cool and comfortable Thurs Sept 2d they went for a ride to Paint Lick about 12 miles Fri 3d George and family started for home —
Sat Sept 4th my 70th birthday Adaline and the children walked over to Sam's to spend the day with us —
Sun 5th Sam took us for a ride around by Brown Stewarts and around to Corbetts, where I stopped — called at Culvers
Mon 6th Ada and I went to see Grandma Neely and I
Tues 7th Sam Etta and Ada went to Trenton to attend Mrs Sykes (Mrs Harris's sister) funeral very hot day —
[illegible] Thursday 9th [illegible] Friday 10th a few of the young folks came to Corbetts and had dance We all went to Sam's 13th sent a letter to Thurs Irish Wed night and Thursday we had a good thunder shower Fri 17th We all went to the fair, Thomas came to the fair ground 4 had another rain - Thomas Corbett and [illegible] the fair got pretty wet —

[illegible] to Renton
[illegible] Thurs they went riding [illegible] all went to Bellevue's
Thurs Ett and Thomas went to Rustic Dale and boy to
Fri Sam and Thomas went to Renton horseback
Sun 26 Sam and family came over to Carletts and spent
the day had a thunder shower in the morning
Mon 27th Thomas and Anna started for home more rain last night
Tues 28 Lovely our birds are singing grass as green as spring
Thurs 30th cold north wind, disagreeable day
Friday Oct 1st Ada the children and I went to Bellows
Fannie and I stayed until Sun 3d when they brought
us home and stayed to dinner - Sam and Ett went to
Renton to Church, brought Mr Young and wife home with them
Mod & Ett and Mrs Young visited Ada
Thurs 7 they took her home, and we all went to Renton same day
Fri 8th Ada's birthday, nothing done more than usual
Sat 9th went over to Mr Culver's and grandma Kelly's
weather warm and pleasant has been so all this month
Sun 10th We all went over to Sam's
Tues 12th Ada had a quilting I went to Sam's to stay a few
days, Sam is busy hauling his apples to market
Oct 13 We had rain last night, with high wind turned cool
Sund 17 We all went over to Carletts for a short time
Daisy got badly hurt in the barbed wire fence

Oct 18 Etta cooked all day 19th she had a quilting but it was not near finished - 20th Mrs Smart Etta and I quilted all day to get it off- had quite a hard shower Thursday 21 came back to Corbetts - Sund Sam and family came to Corbetts to dinner - Wed 27 they all went off to Mr Wises for a Pic nic - I went as far as Sam's and stayed with Mrs Smart and the children I stayed all night and the next day Ada and Happy walked over and Sam brought us home - probably the last time I shall ever see their beautiful place and perhaps them either - Friday Oct 24th Etta and Linden walked over to Adas to see me for the last time before I left - Oct 30th bid the rest of them Bye and started once more for home - stopped at Davenport to visit Mine Irish stayed there and over Sunday Plaees untill the next Wed Nov left there on the 4, 20 train - got to Chicago at two O'clock as usual eat home at four pound folks all well and just about as happy as usual Sat night the 6th Aunt Suey & Josie came over, and Mrs Williams & Mrs Myall and I went to Lake street to see the Williams house called at Bakers new Grocery, and the Photograph galery - Nov 16 have not been to Lake street but once since I came home have not been well the past week Laura came out here Thurs 11th Nov and stayed untill the 14th she went to the Carnivale to the Rink Sat night

1886

Fred Nov 19th Had a slight fall of snow yesterday (18th)
20th Rena has been down to Jerkins three or four days for Mother and Doll both sick - Nov 25th Martha and Rena went to Chicago and bought parlor stove $22.50 - wind blew hard and cold all day -
Mon 29th Martha went to Chicago, called to see Clarenda -
Dec 1st pretty cold just snow enough whiten the ground
.. 3rd Rena went to Town to visit Kittie - at night had quite a snow storm - 4th Richard and Lucy came here
Dec 6th Silas Wannatta called here Corbett came same day -
.. 9th Sister Dunphy came out and stayed two days -
weather mild as spring - 15th had a small snow storm
Dec 16 pretty cold but the sun shone so bright I ventured out and called at the Brewster mansion for the first time since my return home 18th Rena went to Town
Dec 24 Mrs Smart got home from Missouri - weather mild
Mon 27th coldest day of the season 16 below zero
.. 28 Not quite so bad as yesterday but still very cold
Wed 29 Mrs Myall Mrs Preston Martha and myself all went up to Jennie's to dinner - rode in sleigh - comfortable
Thurs and Fri extremely cold Fri 22 below

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Jan 9th Martha and Rena went to Chicago, she bought her gold spectacles and cloak coldest day we have had this winter -
Wed 11 weather more mild Jennie Mrs Churchill Mrs Fawks - Mrs Lowry - Mrs Preston - Mrs Myall all here to din-ner

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Jan 18th Martha and I went to Chicago the first time I have been since I came home - weather very mild - Sun Jan 16th Flora came out she came to Chicago New Years Eve from Dakota - 19-20th awful cold from 16 to 23 below - 21st quite warm and thawing Mrs Ryall had for lunch early - Lizzie M. Rose K. Mrs Gilbert - Mrs Tracy - Mrs Smart - Lyda - Daly Cordray - Mrs Whitly - Martha Rena and myself - 21 Rena and Millie went visiting to Chicago warm pleasant day - 22d had thunder shower and heavy rain Jan 30 weather has been mild for a week past until last night it turned very cold - last Wed (26) put on the quilt that Aunt Ell gave me Aunt Lucy and Sophia helped us quilt one day but it took us two days to finish it Feb 2d quite mild John went to Chicago to meet his sister Kate funeral 3d I went over to Mrs Tracy's but she had gone to Haffner's I called to see Mrs Coleman, then went on to Sophia's and stayed awhile Sun 6th drizzling rain freezing as past down comes Sun 13th pretty cold Mr and Mrs Frances here to dinner - below 14 raining and freezing - 22 quite warm and pleasant I went to see old Mrs Merrill - 24 had a small snow storm - We had bad weather nearly all this month -

Sun 27 real cold day - Mrs Cordray started for Indiana in a terrible blizzard - March 2d Martha went to Lake View to visit Mrs Newley's folks -

March 6th Will got a card from California - Sam came back
Rena joined the Methodist Church - had a great storm 7th
Sunday 13th we have had fine weather all the week but to-
day it turned cold - March 20th been real cold for a week
past - Sam started for Mo. got back the 24th stopped at Lake City
Fri March 25th Flora came out here 27 snowed all day, real
freezing cold night - 28th Flora went home - we had wild goose
dinner Mr and Mrs Myall and Sam here
March 29th I went to Chicago stayed all night at George Dunlop's
went to see Dr Foute - Sun Apr 3d Sam - John - Martha and
I went up to Richards - very warm, pleasant days roads dry and
sometime in the night it turned cold froze hard
Mon 4th a wretched cold day with high wind - 5 a little mild
Thurs Apr 7 got the terrible news that Corbett's house was
burned to the ground but thanks to a merciful Providence
and the dogs their lives were all saved Sam started
home the same night at eleven o'clock -
Mon 11 Richard - Lucy and Allie called awhile -
" 14 lumber hauled for Myall's summer kitchen
" 16 John got Buggy from Pebbles then went
to Chicago got new clothes and hat for Allie -
Sun 17 they rode to Church in the new carriage -
it was so cold started fire again in my room it had
been out for a week thought I should not need it
any more until next fall.

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Rec'd 11 dozen Delaware May 1st went to Town got sewing for Mrs Harris- Wed 2d it rained a little Martha and I cleaned her cistern - Tom came it rained a little more at night so we got about a foot of water in cistern Fri 22d Peter Dunphy came stayed all night in the afternoon they went home- weather real cold again May 1st warmest day we have had this season I M rained cherry trees just beginning to blossom - Mr Mills and old Mrs Goodman both died the 29 of April -

got two young cherry trees and an English gooseberry last

May 2d Mr Valencourt moved in my house - John papered the kitchen took three double rolls but was not enough to paper behind the cupboard I trimmed the bushes Kaltenbach little boy died with Hidrophobia May 1st May 4 weather cool no rain yet - 5 John Rena and all the rest of the family but myself went to see Uncle Toms Cabin played in a tent down in Quicks field -

May 6th Rena's baby came to Town at half past 8 eve Fri

" 11 House raiser finished work on Valencourt house not weather

Mon 9th Mrs Dunphy came out here to take care of Rena

May 15 John Martha and Allie went up to Sarah's home

Williamson's and on to Penwood to Richards then

May 17 Richard, Guy, Nellie, and Ed, all came back turned real cold so Martha and Mrs D covered all their plants but there was not frost enough to hurt any thing

May 20 baby two weeks old, Rena sat up most of the day
" 21 had a little shower 22 a pretty good one more
rain than we have had since last Feb some thunder
" 28th weather very cool - 30 had a shower last night
June 1st had more rain - Will and Martha went to
Kenedy's wedding - June 2d Martha went to Town got baby's cloak &c
June 3d Lou came her niece brought her in carriage
Sun 5th rainy sunday Mrs Whitty came out yesterday to call

[illegible] 11th [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] 13th [illegible]
June 18th Will and Mr Hastel [illegible]
" 20 weather very hot Rena took baby out to ride
Fri 24 Rena came out here, she stayed until about 2 PM had a
good shower but not enough to [illegible]
21 - 22 cool delightful days - Mon 23d [illegible] went to Devon
called to see Sarah [illegible] more during a shower one
of their children died that day before - [illegible]
Fri 1 [illegible] went to Chandlers and stayed all night
June 29th I went to Chicago, bought [illegible]
30 We had a slight shower - [illegible] came here stayed two
days then went to [illegible]
Dell came and stayed two or three days
July 4th We invited Alice Brown to come and we bought [illegible] and
got up a nice dinner at the [illegible] in the back parlor where

Aunt Sarah [illegible] Aunt Mary [illegible] Aunt Sarah [illegible]
[illegible] Aunt Sarah

she came home with us Martha had gone to Garfield Park to a private ~~the~~ the weather cool and comfortable
23 Jon went home 25-26-27 awful hot
28 a little cooler wind & rain yet and it is badly needed 27 so hot could not sleep in my chamber
28 Martha and Doll went to Town
29 terrible hot day Aug 2d I went to Chicago
Aug 4th I went again to get things that Adaline sent weather awful hot had a little sprinkle of rain in the morning Martha and Allie started for K.C I came home awful tired could not do scarcely anything for two days Monday 8th Doll started for Ind
Thurs 9th we had a fine shower with thunder and lightning which cooled the air
Thurs Aug 11th camp meeting commenced the rain came just in time to settle the dust which was enormously deep owing to the long drouth Sunday had more rain Sat night we had a glorious good rain fell more than at any one time since last Feb Mrs Kennedy & Mrs Lucy came to Aug 12 called all the week
Fri 26 had more rain weather has been quite cool
Aug 25 picked a bushel and a half of pears
Thurs 30th set strawberry plants, weather warmer picked another bushel & pears Mrs Kennedy and Hattie called here Monday night
Aug 31 I went to Town to see sewing machines, also called at Herrmann Office

Sept 4th warm and heavy, worked at home nearly all day
weather cool but rainy
Sept 5th my 37th birthday and I feel to wonder that I
think as much as I shall never see another and it
will be just as well if I don't for I am only a trouble
and no good — 6th weather very hot had a little rain —
6th Mrs Truett called here and gave us about a bushel of apples
Sept 8th Mrs 3 called to bid us good Bye — Mrs 2 came
and brought her traps here as if she had come to stay
she was selling pillow sham holders and was trying to sell a book
Monday Sept 12th poor Mrs Whitley died — from
Sept 18th our folks got home from N.C and Fannie with
" 20th Mira Whitley came out here and stayed one night
" 22nd had quite a heavy rain for equinoctial storm but no wind
" 23 John painted and papered front rooms —
Hind side walk all taken up on Myall's and Valancourts
new stringers put in and new planks where needed —
23 Flora stopped here on her way home from Chicago where she
has been spending a couple of weeks weather quite cool —
Sun 25 Fannie went with Will to the catholic dedication
weather quite cool so made a fire in my room —
Sept 30 Martha and Fannie went to town to trade it
rained a good share of the day — has rained every day this week
Oct 1st Rena and Fannie went up to Brunswicks to the
Literary meeting Oct 2d Martha and Fannie went to Unity

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Oct 1st had a thunder shower rained real hard—
Moore & Gill moved in Town—
Sat 8th Martha Allie and Fannie gone to the Park
to see the inaugural ceremonies—
Oct 10th Mr Blanchflower and family arrived from Eng-
weather mild and cold — 11th so uncomfortable I made
a fire in my room— Martha gone to Town to get some more
things for Fannie — June 16 real warm days Mrs Ryall
took Fannie and me for a ride went to see where the
house was burned on Euclid Ave drove around on
Maple Ave to look at mansions —
Tues 18th Fannie went to Town visited at Mrs Fitz P
Pittie's Millig's and Clarenda's and called at Mrs
Taggart's Sat (22) We went down Town to meet Martha and
she and Fannie and Allie went to see the picture of the
battle of Shiloh, when we got home it was snowing but soon melted
it rained a good share of the night—
Wed 26 the weather has been pretty cold all the week yesterday
Mrs Rowe, Miss Hamilton and Gale Mrs F and Dell stayed
all night— Mrs Fitz and Pittie came out to spend the day
Thurs 30th Dell and Fannie went to the Baptist Church—
Oct 31 Clear warm beautiful day, more like spring than Autumn
Nov 1st 2d 3d much the same 4th 3d dear Fannie left us for her
home in Missouri How I miss her bright pretty face and
pleasant voice — and the writing that I shall see be with her
again

[illegible] weather continues fine with no prospect of rain
which is so much needed for [illegible] and stock
[illegible] Dec 1st Mr Davis came down for the first time [illegible] was
[illegible] the winter with us [illegible] Dec 2nd Sunday
We have service three - Had a little [illegible] morning
a cloudy day, closely [illegible] with a little [illegible]
Dec 3rd water clear and cold 28 It has been cloudy, dark
and [illegible] for the last 24 hours do not think the sun has
not once in that time - Nellie went to a ranch and got
three big fat ducks and John brought a big chicken -
Thanksgiving day Mr the cook two ducks and she and
John and Rena Nellie and I sat our dinner by ourselves -
The next day she cooked another duck and the chicken and
we had Mr Bushnell off to supper - 30 Mr Davis called here -
Dec 1st 2nd dark wet days snowed a little rained a little cold
weather it - Dec 3rd it rained all day and the farmers will rejoice
and the cattle that have suffered so much for want of water will
be glad if they have enough